



KAIMUKI NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 4

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2014 KAIMUKI CHRISTIAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lyle Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. **with a quorum of six (6) members present.** Note: This 11-member Board requires six (6) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present - Lyle Bullock, Paul Hoe, James Larson, Russell McGuire (departed at 8:02 p.m.), Sharon Schneider, Leonard Tam, and Lori Yamada (arrived at 7:13 p.m.).

Members Absent - Brian Kang and Marilyn Moniz-Kahooohanohano.

Vacancies - There are two (2) vacancies for Subdistrict 1.

Guests - Fred Pablo (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), State Senator Les Ihara Jr., State Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Mark Wong (Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Department of Information Technology, Director); Michael Leong, Lyndsey Garcia, and Brittany Mounce (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office staff); Captain Ricky Mamiya (Honolulu Fire Department); Acting Lieutenant Gary Sunada, Sergeant Cyrus Hanuna, and Officer Cory Shiraishi (Honolulu Police Department); Lorna Heller (Board of Water Supply), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: There are two (2) vacancies in Subdistrict 1 (East Kaimuki and Business District). As there were no volunteers, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

At 7:13 p.m. Lori Yamada arrived; **seven (7) members present.**

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)) - Captain Ricky Mamiya reported the following:

- **January 2014 Statistics** - There were 4 structure fires; 95 medical emergencies, 31 miscellaneous calls for service and 10 false alarms.
- **Fire Safety Tips - Electrical Safety:** Ensure that electrical work is performed by a qualified electrician. Ensure only one (1) heat-producing appliance is plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time. Plug major appliances directly into wall receptacle outlets. Extension cords and power strips should not be used. Do not run electrical cords across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets to avoid using extension cords. Use light bulbs that match the recommended wattage on the lamp or fixture. A sticker on the lamp or fixture should indicate the maximum wattage light bulb to use.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Acting Lieutenant Gary Sunada reported the following:

- **December 2013 Statistics** - There were 14 burglaries, 43 thefts, and 18 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- **Pedestrian Safety Tips** - When available, always use a marked crosswalk to cross the street. Make eye contact. When preparing to cross the street, do not assume that since the pedestrian can see the vehicle, the driver can see the pedestrian. Even when one has the right of way, be prepared to yield to an approaching vehicle.
- **Standard Format for the Monthly Statistics** - Acting Lieutenant Sunada mentioned that the HPD will be using a standard format for reporting statistics to all Neighborhood Boards.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Lorna Keller reported the following:

- **Water Conservation Contests** - BWS is launching its 36th annual Water Conservation Week Poster Contest and 36th annual Poetry Contest. This year's contest theme is "Conserve Water: No Effort is Too Small." The poster contest is open to Oahu students in grades Kindergarten through 6, and the poetry



contest is open to Oahu students in grades Kindergarten through 12. The deadline to enter these contests is Wednesday, March 12, 2014. Winners will be announced in May 2014 and will receive prizes and be featured in the 2015 Water Conservation calendar.

- Olelo Youth Xchange Video Competition - The BWS is sponsoring a category in the Youth Xchange Video Competition, which is a statewide student video competition coordinated by Olelo Community Media. The BWS's sponsored category, "Xeriscaping: Saving H2Outdoors," challenges Hawaii's youth to come up with a 30-second Public Service Announcement that expresses the importance of Xeriscape and water conservation outdoors. The video contest is open to students statewide in grades Kindergarten through 12 and the entry deadline is March 1, 2014. For more information about these contests, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the December 18, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes - **Hoe moved and Larson seconded that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board No. 4 approve the December 18, 2013 regular meeting minutes as written. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Bullock, Hoe, Larson, McGuire, Schneider, Tam, and Yamada).**

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Schneider reported that the expenditures for December 2013 were \$26.48 for the printing and mailing of the agenda and minutes, leaving a balance of \$429.93. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Three (3) Absences Letter for Russell McGuire - Chair Bullock explained that the Neighborhood Plan (NP) requires Board members to attend the Neighborhood Board meetings and gives the Board member, who missed three (3) meetings, an opportunity to give his point of view. McGuire apologized for his three (3) absences and stated that he would like to remain on the Board to help make the community a better place. **Larson moved and Hoe seconded that McGuire continue to serve the community on the Neighborhood Board without qualification. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Bullock, Hoe, Larson, McGuire, Schneider, Tam, and Yamada).** Chair Bullock mentioned there is a proposed Neighborhood Plan (NP) revision to change the sending of the letter after five (5) absences in two (2) years. Currently, the letter is sent out after three (3) absences in a one-year period, with another "five (5)-absences" letter, if two (2) additional absences are reached. McGuire re-committed to attend the Neighborhood Board meetings in the future.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Report - Chair Bullock mentioned that PIG Chair Brian Kang was out sick tonight, but last month the PIG recommended the purchase of a three (3)-feet by six (6)-feet horizontal banner, stating that the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board will be meeting here this Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Chair Bullock added that he will ask the Kaimuki Christian Church to post the banner on the corner the Thursday before. **Hoe moved and McGuire seconded that the Board approve the purchase a banner. The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 7-0-0 (AYE: Bullock, Hoe, Larson, McGuire, Schneider, Tam, and Yamada).** Discussion on the details followed.

PUBLIC INPUT

1. Former Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School Update - Chair Bullock had written a letter to the Hawaii State Department of Education (DOE), concerning the construction going on. The DOE responded that it did not need City & County of Honolulu permits, except for items specifically asked for by the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) and it was working with DPP. Chair Bullock mentioned that the campus time capsule is still on-site, Bishop Museum was given the school art work, which has been catalogued, and that the cornerstone facing Wai'alaue Avenue is still there. Chair Bullock favored keeping the mural on the side of the building. Other work is ongoing.
2. Wai'alaue Avenue - A resident had asked when the Wai'alaue Avenue Rehabilitation Project would be completed. Chair Bullock had written a letter to the City, which responded that soft spots were found in the paving. Additional work was needed before the final paving. With the noise variances and night work, the estimated completion date may be by mid-summer 2014, about six (6) months behind schedule. The side streets were completed during the day.

Comments followed: Former Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School - Yamada mentioned that there are two (2) cornerstones, one (1) near the basketball court and one (1) by the school. The letter mentioned a cornerstone and a time capsule. Chair Bullock will follow up on clarification.

OLD BUSINESS

Mau'umae Nature Park Lookout on Koko Drive Near 16th Avenue Park and Recreation Board Information - There was no new information and no response from Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to date. Chair Bullock will request a presentation to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Concerning the City & County of Honolulu (C&C) Departments and Subjects to Address In Future Meetings - For next month, it was suggested that Department of Transportation Services (DTS) talk about the roads and traffic, Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) could talk about the parking lot, the City could talk about the homeless at the bus stops, and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to talk about the Mau'umae Nature Park Lookout and community gardens.

ELECTED OFFICIALS OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Mark Wong reported the following:

- Department of Transportation Services (DTS) Modifying Traffic Signal Sequences - DTS is still working on the simulation based on the revised striping plan along Wai'ala'e Avenue and will give an update on the status for the February 2014 meeting.
- Suggestions Regarding the Traffic Signal at Wai'ala'e Avenue and 16th Avenue - DTS requested that Board member Tam submit the suggestions to DTS.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi (City Council District 5) - James Larson distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and reported the following:

- Christmas Tree Recycling - Call Councilmember Kobayashi's office for assistance, if needed
- Legislation Update - There was legislation about the sewer smells in Kakaako.

Councilmember Stanley Chang (City Council District 4) - Michael Leong introduced two staff members, Lyndsey Garcia, and Brittany Mounce, and reported the following:

- HPD Statistics - Councilmember Chang had asked for comparative statistics for the Neighborhood Board and trends. The Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) responded that HPD only had to report monthly statistics. Chair Bullock added that trends could be asked for from the District Captains. The HPD has decided to issue a consistent format for statistics for the whole island. Chair Bullock mentioned that other Neighborhood Boards also wanted trends. HPD may re-evaluate this issue.
- Contraflow on Wai'ala'e Avenue - Councilmember Chang's office has asked DTS to follow up.
- Former Queen Liliuokalani Elementary School - Councilmember Chang's office will follow up on the second cornerstone on the basketball court.
- Pedestrian Safety Near Wai'ala'e Elementary Public Charter School - There is speeding and a disregard to children's and their parents' safety. DTS will do a "safety study."
- Bill 69, Relating to Ads on Buses - Councilmember Chang is not convinced of this proposal yet.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Fred Pablo reported the following:

- Governor Abercrombie's Appointments - Governor Abercrombie has announced a few appointments, including a temporary appointment of Gary Gill to the Director of the Department of Health (DOH) for 60 days.
- The Economy - There was a \$1.1 billion turnaround from a -\$220 million deficit in 2011 to a +\$850 million surplus. The Governor wants to spend some of the money on Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), to rebuild reserves, and to restore "rainy day" funds, which were used during the "Great Recession." The Governor wants to practice fiscal restraint and pay down unfunded liability. The Unemployment Compensation tax rate was decreased by 35%. The Governor supports tax relief and environmental issues.

Senator Sam Slom (State Senate 9th District) - Senator Slom was not present and no report was available.

Senator Les Ihara Jr. (State Senate 10th District) - Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Opening Day of the Legislature - The Legislature's Opening Day was held today. Introduction of bills are due by next Thursday, January 23, 2014.

- Possible Bills - Senator Ihara was concerned that there are no requirements for lobbyists to detail expenses. Senator Ihara will introduce a bill about the mandatory retirement of judges at age 70. The Governor will be working on restoring agricultural inspection cutbacks.

House Speaker Emeritus Calvin K.Y. Say (State Representative 20th District) - House Speaker Emeritus Say was not present and no report was available.

Representative Bertram Kobayashi (State Representative 19th District) - Representative Kobayashi reported the following:

- Public Input - Representative Kobayashi encouraged the public to make their voices heard.
- Kupuna Care - Representative Kobayashi supports a bill to provide community services to kupuna to keep seniors at home and not sending them to a nursing home, which may cost \$9,000 to \$10,000 per month.
- Joint House/Senate Majority Package - Representative Kobayashi announced that for the first time in 10 years the House/Senate has agreed on a majority package of legislation, which will include long-term care insurance and Kupuna Care.
- Opening Day - The Legislature had a reunion of former House and Senate members. The oldest House member, William Baines Johnson, was from Kaimuki, started Boy Scout Troop 10, which is the longest continuous Boy Scout Troop, and served in the 1960 Legislature.
- Historical Preservation - A Historical Preservation bill was drafted and introduced. Historic homes that are 50 years old and older usually go to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for review. It may be changed to 75 years and no review, if the home is on a historic registry or nominated for one.

McGuire departed at 8:02 p.m.; **six (6) members present.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next meeting of the Kaimuki Neighborhood Board will be on Wednesday, February 19, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at the Kaimuki Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 1117 Koko Head Avenue.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Submitted by:
K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Nola Frank, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:
Lyle Bullock, Chair