



DIAMOND HEAD/KAPAHULU/ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2006 ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Ah Mai at 7:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Ah Mai, Bert Narita, Wayne Gau, Barbara Miller, Rick Egged, George Waialeale, Bertha Nahoopii, Joe Otto, Linda Wong, Roxie Berlin, Don Persons, Jay Harden.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Dumas, Kenneth Chang, Michelle Matson.

GUESTS: Arthur Aiu (Board of Water Supply), Capt. Arita, Sgt. G. Tomasu, Sgt. R. Hamasaki, Officer C. Chung, (HPD-District 6 Waikiki), Sgt. Maekawa, Lt. A. Delima, Sgt. G. Reese (HPD-District 7 East Honolulu), Noryn Lau, Janice Shon, Rory McCoy (UH School of Architecture students), Wayne Iwaoka (UH), Maria and Robert Troutman, Edwin Anscon, Stan Fichtman (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office), Daisy Murai, Jan Bappe, Walea Constantinau (Mayor's Office), Representative Calvin Say, Ray Gruntz (Waikiki Neighborhood Board No. 9), Nancy Hedlund, Fred Nakahara, Dean Chu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT – No representative was present.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT – Officer Chun, from District 6 – Waikiki, reported statistics for last month include: 17 camping citations in Kapiolani Park, 3 camping citations at the Waikiki Shell, and 5 citations for sleeping in cars at the Waikiki Shell. Other statistics for January compared to December included: 1/0 robberies, 1/3 burglaries, 10/12 thefts, 2/4 motor vehicle thefts, 3/3 criminal property damage, 23/15 liquor law violation, 15/14 arguments/family/non-family, 11/9 unauthorized entry into motor vehicle.

There were no questions from the Board or guests.

Sgt. Maekawa, from District 7 – East Honolulu, reported the following:

1. Statistics for January compared to December included: Beat 756–Date Street, 0/3 burglaries, 7/2 thefts, 4/1 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles; Beat 757- Upper Kapahulu, 1/1 burglary, 3/3 thefts, 2/2 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles; Beat 758 - Lower Kapahulu, 1/0 burglary, 3/0 thefts, 1/2 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles; Beat 760 – Diamond Head Lookouts, 3/2 burglaries, 6/4 thefts, 8/8 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles; Beat 762 – St. Louis Drive, 3/3 burglaries, 6/3 thefts, 3/1 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.
2. Narcotics/Vice Division statistics for East Honolulu included: 8 new complaints, 10 prior complaints closed: 6 from the McCully area, 3 from the Kaimuki area, and 1 from the University area. New complaints include: 3 from the Kaimuki area, 2 from the University area, 2 from the Palolo area, 1 from the Hawaii Kai area.
3. A written report distributed to interested persons includes a burglary prevention checklist for doors, windows, landscaping, and general information.
4. There have been a number of thefts of the automated trash collection carts over a widespread area.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Two residents wanted to alert the community to problems with an illegal renting activity with more than than the allowable number of tenants, and some overheard talking about bombs and explosives. The landlord has been contacted, but has been unresponsive. They also noted the FBI has been contacted



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about this matter and additional discussion with the District 7 police officers present followed outside the meeting room. The Board will be kept updated on this matter.

Additional comments followed from other residents about other problems with the above tenants and the landlord only renting to certain tenants.

Capt. Arita, Sgt. G. Tomasu, Sgt. R. Hamasaki, Officer C. Chung, Sgt. Maekawa, Lt. A. Delima, and Sgt. G. Reese, were thanked for attending the meeting.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY – Arthur Aiu, from the Board of Water Supply, reported the following:

1. There were two water main breaks last month, January 4, at 3568 Leahi Avenue, of an 8-inch cast iron pipe, installed in 1961; and on January 10 at Lakimau Street and Kanaina Avenue, of a 6-inch cast iron main, installed in 1938.
2. Entries are being accepted from school students in grades K – 6, for the Water Conservation Week Poster Contest until March 9. The theme is “Each and Every Day I Save Water My Way. Winners receive a savings bond and will have their posters printed in the 2007 calendar.
3. March 5 – 11 is Detect a Leak Week. Promotional flyers and toilet tank leak detection tablets will be available at the Board of Water Supply office on S. Beretania Street, satellite city halls, various hardware stores, and at the Board’s March meeting. There will also be a contest to win a free water audit.
4. Water Conservation Tip: Not turning off the water as you brush your teeth can use as much as four gallons of water each time!

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. A new water main project will begin on Kalakaua Avenue in the vicinity of the Dillingham Fountain next week. It was suggested that area residents be notified about the project. In response to a question, access in and out of driveways should not be disrupted.
2. The ongoing project on Kapahulu Avenue has a 300-day duration. The project in the Campbell and Monsaratt Avenue is also ongoing.

Aiu was thanked for attending the meeting.

Chair Ah Mai reviewed the Board’s standing rules: be recognized before speaking, turns are limited to 2 minutes unless otherwise noted, no one shall speak again until all others have been accommodated, and no food or drink on the hardwood dance floor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2006 REGULAR MEETING – The following corrections were made:

Page 4, under Subdistrict 3, Diamond Head, it should read “Berlin, Matson and Wong reported...” and item no. 1 should read “Leahi Avenue, was newly paved from Kapahulu Avenue to Noela Drive.”

Miller moved and Nahoopii seconded that the minutes be approved as written by the neighborhood assistant and as corrected. The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Narita reported the January report was not received, but the only extra expense would be for copies of the Office of Information Practices letters for Board members’ review.

BOARD HOUSEKEEPING: Chair Ah Mai reviewed the following:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2030 OAHU REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN, ISLAND-WIDE COMMUNITY MEETING - Otto will attend the meeting as the Board's representative.

CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING, PUBLIC HEARING ON RULES CHANGES FOR PROCESSING OF AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL PLAN, FEBRUARY 28, 10:00 A.M., DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES CONFERENCE ROOM – Material was received from the Department. Interested persons may see Chair Ah Mai to review the material.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDED RULES RELATING TO CARNIVALS IN PUBLIC PARKS – Material has been received from the Department of Parks and Recreation. This immediately affects Ala Moana and Magic Island, where a carnival to mark Honolulu's 100th birthday is planned for later this year. Interested persons may see Chair Ah Mai to review the material.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FORWARDED – The Board's list of capital improvement projects has been forwarded to area elected officials. Senator Les Ihara has placed projects for: a) the culinary arts institute at Kapiolani Community College, b) repair of sea wall and walkway from Elks Club to Coconut Avenue, c) development of parking lot and community center on Department of Land and Natural Resources parking property at 538 Kapahulu Avenue, and d) development of Diamond Head State Monument Visitor Center. Area elected officials are working on other items on the Board's list.

McCULLY FIRE STATION, CONSTRUCTION OF TEMPORARY QUARTERS ON MAUKA EDGE OF GOLF COURSE IS SCHEDULED TO START MARCH – APRIL – This is part of the project to repair the existing McCully Fire Station; the project has been re-scheduled to begin in May-June.

KEPUHI STREET MODIFICATIONS – DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WILL INSTALL NO PARKING SIGNS AND SOLID CENTERLINE AT HILLCREST - Nahoopii reported five signs have been installed on the Diamond Head side of the street and four on the ewa side, painting of the centerline is to be done.

Chair Ah Mai noted that the Board received notice of this project only after the project was to proceed and not in the planning phase. Discussion followed. **Wong moved and Nahoopii seconded that the Board send a letter to the Department of Transportation Services on the lack of notice to the Board about upcoming projects. The motion carried by unanimous consent.**

SUMMARY OF MATERIALS RECEIVED:

DISTRIBUTION OF OFFICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES (OIP) COMPENDIUM – The copies were distributed to members along with a letter from the OIP to Board member Matson, relating to approval of minutes of meetings.

HAWAII SELF STORAGE MURAL RENDERINGS – An artist's renderings of the murals for the Hawaii Self Storage Building currently under construction on the site bounded by Kapiolani Boulevard and Old Waiialae Road, were circulated.

HELBERT, HASTERT, AND FEE RESPONSE TO KAPAHULU AVENUE ZONE CHANGE – Copies of a letter received from Helbert, Hastert, and Fee, consultants on a proposed rezoning of the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, in response to a Board request the property be used for a community center and parking lot. The letter explains that the site, by itself, is too small for this use.

NEWSLETTER – Chair Ah Mai reported that the Board has a budget to publish a newsletter, and reviewed the cost of the last newsletter. Miller reported that Board members have reviewed the written comments from the last newsletter. **Miller moved and Berlin seconded that the Board publish a newsletter. The motion carried by unanimous consent.** Miller will coordinate with members on articles, etc.

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Chair Ah Mai reported she is working on scheduling speakers on previously requested items. Suggestions for additional items should be made to her.

SUBDISTRICT REPORTS:

SUBDISTRICT 1, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS – Gau reported the next St. Louis Heights Community Association meeting is next week Monday, Hokulani School. One of the topics will be a presentation by the Honolulu Police Department on Neighborhood Security Watches.

SUBDISTRICT 2 – KAPAHULU – Nahoopii reported that two street signs near the 6th and Kaimuki avenues traffic calming device have been knocked down.

Chair Ah Mai reported that Safeway, on the recommendation of the City Department of Planning and Permitting, will install three water retention basins with a total capacity of 70,000 gallons on-site. This will keep most rain water runoff on site. Also, Safeway will be creating a buffer zone in its traffic plans to facilitate access for the adjoining Holiday Parkway condo.

Chair Ah Mai reported that the former KC Drive In site has been purchased by a physician.

Nahoopii noted that the busy intersection of Date/Kapahulu/Mooheau is not getting sufficient attention from the Department of Transportation Services, while work is being done on concerns for Kepuhi Street, Alohea Avenue and Makapuu Avenue area.

SUBDISTRICT 3 – DIAMOND HEAD – Harden reported that the Gold Coast Community Association is opposed to the City's plans for twice a week street cleaning on an area of Kapahulu Avenue near its condominiums. This will require parking restrictions, and there is concern that problems similar to those experienced when this type of restriction was recently implemented on Ala Wai Boulevard. Constantinau, representing the Mayor's Office, will follow up. Wong noted that after residents opposed street cleaning on Pualei Circle, the City discontinued the service.

Wong reported that the Department of Transportation Services will be installing a crosswalk across Leahi Avenue at Pualei Circle, to the community gardens. Installation of a crosswalk was previously denied because the crosswalk would meet at the driveway at the community gardens, and that the driveway has since been identified as a pathway, allowing the installation of the crosswalk. Constantinau reported more research is being done on whether or not the driveway is a pathway, or still used as a driveway to service the community gardens. If it is still a driveway, a crosswalk cannot be installed.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

SENATOR LES IHARA, JR. – Senator Ihara was unable to attend the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SAY – Representative Say distributed his monthly report and reported/highlighted that his priorities for this session include: education, housing, and energy.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. In response to the public's request to preserve the Kakaako Makai area from the Hawaii Community Development Authority and Alexander and Baldwin's development plans, a number of bills have been introduced, and will be discussed this Saturday at the State Capitol.
2. Gau noted the need for changes to the State Sunshine Law, as the current law severely limits how many Board members can attend non-Board meetings, restricting Boards' ability to do their job, which is advisory only.
3. Some \$160 million in repair and maintenance funds for schools is in the budget. Separate funding is also in the repair and maintenance budget for the University of Hawaii.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT NISHIMOTO – Representative Say reported that Representative Nishimoto was unable to attend the meeting, and yesterday was in a committee meeting hearing fishermen express their concerns about Department of Land and Natural Resources closing areas to fishing.

Representative Say was thanked for attending the meeting.

MAYOR'S OFFICE – Constantinau reported the following:

1. In response to a question about whether it was legal for metered parking in the Kapiolani Park Trust land to be used for Sunset on the Beach, the City Corporation Counsel reports that "According to a decision by Judge Phillip Chun, filed on June 28, 1991, metered parking is permissible as long as the parking fee is reasonable, parking is restricted for park users and signs restricting the use to park users are posted. Although not on Trust property, Sunset on the Beach event is still being conducted on park property."
2. In response to a question about whether or not the change in the City Managing Director would have an adverse affect on projects moving forward, according to Deputy Managing Director Trudi Saito, "No, the change in the Managing Director's Office should not in any way adversely affect Capital Improvement Projects going forward." Constantinau noted that the new managing director is an engineer, which may actually help in projects progressing.
3. In response to a question about the number of Assistant Police Chiefs, there are six Assistant Police Chiefs that head the Central Patrol, Regional Patrol, Investigative, Administrative, Support Services, and Executive Bureaus.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Pro Bowl events are listed in the Mayor's newsletter, copies were previously made available for interested persons to review.
2. Follow up will be done on plans for a swap meet at the Waikiki Shell. The Board did not receive any information about this prior to an announcement in the media, and the community has concerns, including about traffic impacts. It was also noted that a liquor license exists for the property.
3. Follow up will be done with the Department of Transportation Services on adequate notification to the Board about upcoming projects due to concern about receiving after-the-fact notification. It was noted the Board just received a letter dated in October of last year.

Constantinau was thanked for attending the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER CHARLES DJOU – Stan Fichtman, from Councilmember Djou's Office, distributed the monthly report, and highlighted/added the following:

1. The written report lists six, and Councilmember Kobayashi's report, provides information on a seventh property tax relief bill that are progressing in committee.
2. Councilmember Djou has written the Mayor for information on the future of the Waikiki Natatorium, and not received a response.
3. Regarding the Board's capital improvement project requests, once the budget is received from the Administration, action can be taken to add the Board's requests.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

No information has been received from the City Administration on its plans for the Natatorium.

Fichtman was thanked for attending the meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI – A written report was received from Councilmember Kobayashi.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

NEW, NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON ALA WAI BOULEVARD – Gruntz reported that new, no parking restrictions are now in place for Ala Wai Boulevard, as has been seen in media reports.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA, FREAR HALL RENOVATION – Chair Ah Mai distributed a draft letter responding to the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Frear Hall renovation. It encourages the UH to seriously consider the impact of student parking on adjacent neighborhoods, the student survey identifying parking as the top priority for dorm amenities, and the need to innovatively use existing resources to mitigate student parking needs. **Harden moved and Gau seconded that the Board accept the draft letter.**

Discussion followed on:

1. Past use of a circulator bus system.
2. Lack of parking for students studying at night on campus such as at the school of architecture.
3. Plans to notify incoming students of the parking problems and discourage those living on campus from having cars.
4. Some students need for cars for off campus jobs.
5. Incorporating student bus passes into dorm fees.
6. Work being done with the City to provide a bus route to Waikiki and Ala Moana.
7. Need to encourage use of mass transit and shift away from a car culture.
8. Lack of space to provide more parking.
9. Suggestion to develop parking on UH-owned land.
10. ASUH plans to place flyers on cars parked in surrounding residential areas on following parking laws.
11. Change priorities to make the students the highest priority.
12. Need to address parking problems before developing more on campus housing, and revisions to the letter.

The motion carried by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS:

KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE UPDATE – No representative was present.

PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT LUNALILO/VINEYARD ON-RAMPS – Fred Nakahara, a Makiki resident, reviewed a draft resolution requesting the State Department of Transportation DOT to construct a Lunalilo Street

overpass, underpass, or other traffic separation alternative. He reported DOT wants to permanently maintain the closing of the Lunalilo On-ramp to H-1, and close the H-1 Off-ramp to Vineyard Boulevard, during the morning peak hours. It was acknowledged that this change helps east-bound traffic on the H-1, but creates back up problems on side streets, adversely affecting the community. Nakahara suggested DOT instead implement a previous plan to create separate a Lunalilo On-ramp to H-1 and Vineyard Off-ramp from the H-1. He also noted that DOT is working with DTS on changes to some City streets.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. The Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization has supported the plan for separate ramps.

Egged moved and Harden seconded to extend the meeting 15 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Implementing a previous plan to reverse the direction of Pensacola and Piikoi streets was suggested.

Egged moved and Waiaele seconded that the Board support the resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

KAKAAKO MAKAI DEVELOPMENT: RESOLUTION TO HOLD ACTION – Nancy Hedlund, from the Ala Moana – Kakaako Neighborhood Board, addressed the Board seeking support of a motion her Board passed to “Request an immediate “hold” on all actions of the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) regarding Kakaako Makai Development. The “hold” includes the items of ”a) full review of the adequacy of HCDA’s process of using community input prior to issuing requests for proposals and implementation of procedures to increase use of citizen input, b) completion of an EIS, c) revision of current HCDA structure and rules to achieve compliance with the historically defined community to restrict development to 45 foot elevations, d) revision of HCDA structure and rules to include voting members who represent citizens from community residents, people who come from the area for recreation, and business people.” Hedlund noted there are approximately a dozen bills in the legislature on this matter.

Wong moved and Gau seconded that the Board support the resolution. Ah Mai relinquished the chair to Vice Chair Nahoopii. Discussion followed. Ah Mai recommended deleting items a, c, and d, from the resolution as excessively intrusive on existing rules and regulations and that these concerns would be covered in item b, the EIS. Discussion, pro and con, on deleting the items followed.

Another member could not accept the 45 foot height limitation. Another commented that items a, c, and d were unduly restrictive to executing agencies. Hedlund protested changing the resolution. A Board member noted that when a resolution comes before this Board, it is the prerogative of this Board to change it as it sees fit.

There was unanimous consent to extend the meeting 15 minutes.

Harden moved and Wong seconded to call for the question. Narita noted that calling for the question does not require a vote on the motion, but only to end discussion, and Ah Mai noted that a two-thirds vote is needed on a call for the question. **The call for the question failed with Harden, Wong, Gau and Berlin voting yea.**

Discussion followed. **Narita moved and Wong seconded amend the motion to delete items a, c, and d, from the resolution. The motion carried, 11-0-2.** Harden and Wong abstained.

The motion as amended, carried, 11-0-2. Harden and Wong abstained.

Nahoopii relinquished the chair to Ah Mai.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted by,

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