



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

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 9, 2007 ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Narita. A quorum was present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julia Allen, Deborah Lockett, Barbara Miller, Bert Narita, Ken Chang, Scot Drown, Rick Egged, Bertha Nahoopii, George Waialeale, Roxie Berlin, Jay Harden, Michelle Matson, Don Persons, Linda Wong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: S. Michael Cain.

MEMBERS' SEATS VACANT: None.

GUESTS: Janet Inamine, Clayton Frank (Governor's Office), Capt. David Dela Cruz (HFD-Waikiki Station), Daisy Murai, Tom Heinrich (Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7), Ruth Brantley, Jennifer Weldon, Stan Fitchman (Councilmember Charles Djou's Office), Cathy Cutshaw (UH), George Atta (Group 70), Karl Kuwata, Keith Young, Rich Gorla, Ron Lockwood (McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board No. 8), Jim Manke (UH Manoa), Sam Callejo (UH), House Speaker, Representative Calvin Say, Carol Hoshiko (Kapiolani Community College), Representative Scott Nishimoto, B. Mikami; Capt. J. Richards, Sgt. Hardinger, (HPD-District 6, Waikiki), Lt. Lum Lee, Sgt. H. Ishida, Officer T. Kahapea (HPD – District 7, East Honolulu), Dean Chu (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Chair Narita requested Board approval, without objection, to deviate from the agenda to take up an item under Board Actionable Items, Courtesy Resolution, Certificate of Appreciation, "Model Good Neighbor", at this time to accommodate a guest. There were no objections.

BOARD ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

COURTESY RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, "MODEL GOOD NEIGHBOR" TO MRS. RUTH BRANTLEY – Sub district 1 Vice Chair Lockett presented Ruth Brantley with the certificate of appreciation, honoring her for allowing the fire department to use her yard as a command post during the Waahila Ridge brush fire last month and assisting in their effort.

The order of the agenda resumed.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT – Capt. Dela Cruz, from the Waikiki Station, reported the following:

1. Last month the station's engine company responded to 23 fires and 13 emergencies, and the ladder company responded to 2 fires and 101 medical emergencies.
2. The Safety Tip of the Month is "As August is the start of a new school year, be careful while driving near schools and mindful of students crossing the street. Take the time to teach your children how to cross the street safely and remind them to call 911 for emergencies."

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. It was noted the McCully Fire Station is being rebuilt and part of the operations have been temporarily relocated to an Ala Wai Golf Course site on Date Street, however, there is no signage to warn the public at this location. Follow up is being done.



2. In response to a question, Capt. Dela Cruz noted that the department has 42 fire stations, some have a single apparatus, some have both an engine and ladder apparatus, some have one apparatus and a hazardous materials apparatus, and there is one water pump station; totaling approximately 70 -75 different apparatus and some secondary backup apparatus.

Capt. Dela Cruz was thanked for attending the meeting.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT:

DISTRICT 6, WAIKIKI – Sgt. Hardinger distributed a written report and highlighted/added the following:

1. Statistics included 15 thefts, 3 burglaries, 1 robbery, 4 motor vehicle thefts, 4 criminal property damage, 72 liquor law violations, 11 motor vehicle collisions, 29 arguments, 16 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles.
2. Other statistics included 2 citations for illegal camping and 2 assault arrests, liquor law violations included 180 citations on the beach and 4 arrests in Kapiolani Park, 260 traffic violations – most were parking violations, 4137 calls to 911. Total cases for Beat 662 – Kapiolani Park area for July were 396 compared to 324 in June.
3. Also provided was a map from a University of Hawaii study listing the number of homeless found in the Ala Moana to Waikiki area.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Thanks were expressed for attention to a complaint about persons living in a van in the Noela Street area.
2. It was claimed that police are sweeping homeless persons off the beaches and moving them into Kapiolani Park. Sgt. Hardinger could not confirm that this is being done.

DISTRICT 7 – EAST HONOLULU – Officer Kahapea reported the written report and noted that the report includes crime statistics and a brochure on Home Security Tips.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Appreciation was expressed for special duty officers at the Safeway construction site and for their assistance in traffic control, including accessing 910 Kapahulu Avenue. However, it was noted that their assistance is inconstant. Further, a stop line on Kapahulu Avenue to prevent traffic from blocking access to 910 Kapahulu Avenue is desired. Follow up will be done with the on-duty special duty officers, and that such a stop line is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation Services. It was requested that HPD request the stop line as it could help satisfy the residents' request.

Officer Kahapea was thanked for attending the meeting.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY – A written report was available for interested persons to review.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Wong requested that the lane markings in the Campbell and Kapahulu avenues' project area be repainted. Nahoopii noted the markings on Campbell Avenue were repainted today.
2. Nahoopii noted the work in the Campbell and Monsarrat avenues' area was completed today, repaving will follow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 14, 2007 AND JULY 12, 2007 MEETINGS – Chair Narita distributed copies of substitute minutes to the Board with revisions, since the previously distributed minutes contained numerous errors. **Wong moved to defer approval until members have had a chance to review them. Matson requested a friendly amendment to accept the substitute pending review at the next meeting.** Discussion followed. **The amendment was accepted. The motion failed, 7-0-4-1. Yea:** Chang, Drown, Berlin, Matson, Wong, Harden, Lockett. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** Miller, Narita, Nahoopii, Persons. **No vote:** Waialeale. The motion did not receive the necessary eight votes to carry.

Egged moved and Persons seconded to accept the substitute minutes as corrected. The motion carried, 11-2-1. Yea: Allen, Lockett, Miller, Narita, Chang, Drown, Egged, Nahoopii, Waialeale, Berlin, Persons, **Nay:** Harden, Wong. **Abstain:** Matson.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chair Narita distributed copies of his report to members for their review.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Drown reported for the month of July the Operating Account had expenses of \$50.84 leaving a balance of \$3594.16.

SUB DISTRICT 1, ST. LOUIS HEIGHTS – Lockett reported that the next St. Louis Community Association meeting scheduled for next week Monday.

SUB DISTRICT 2, KAPAHULU – No report.

SUB DISTRICT 3, DIAMOND HEAD – Wong reported the following:

1. A surfing school is putting its surf boards on a grass area near Kaimana Beach, causing some damage.
2. The lift at the Kapiolani Park Bandstand cannot be used due to a permit problem, and is making it inconvenient to move equipment.
3. The number of parades in Waikiki is being monitored by residents to make sure the limit is not exceeded.
4. Complaints have been received about traffic problems created by the new medical office building on Kapahulu Avenue.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. It was noted the limit on parades only applies to parades occurring in the Waikiki Special District.
2. It was noted there are still concerns about pipes on the new medical office building on Kapahulu Avenue.

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE – Clayton Frank, was introduced to the Board as the newly assigned Governor's representative and he reported the following:

1. Copies of the Department of Health's Hawaii Family Guide to Health Emergencies, were made available.
2. The Governor is concerned about pedestrian safety with the start of the fall school semester.
3. Support of the Shriners Hospital was encouraged.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. It was requested the Governor release funds for the Gold Coast seawall repairs and the Diamond Head Orientation Center.

2. Attention to the homelessness problem in this area was requested.
3. The status of funding for school repair and maintenance funding was requested.

Frank was thanked for attending the meeting.

HOUSE SPEAKER REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SAY – House Speaker Say reported that he accompanied Tom Heinrich, and Karen Ah Mai, checked out trails on Waahila Ridge where there have been reports of various problems.

There were no questions from the Board or guests. Representative Say was thanked for attending the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT NISHIMOTO – Representative Nishimoto reported the following:

1. The annual community clean up event co-sponsored with Representative Say and Councilmember Kobayashi, is scheduled for October 13, various types of recyclable materials will be accepted. Persons with large items such as appliances will be able to make arrangements to have them picked up.
2. A community meeting has been scheduled concerning the Department of Land and Natural Resources plans to rezone and lease the property at 548 Kapahulu Avenue for commercial use, for August 22, at the Kapahulu Senior Center, 7:00 p.m. A meeting had previously held with businesses and some residents, this meeting is to solicit additional residents' input. The State Land Board has been contacted on this matter, but it appears that requests to use the land for community use are not being considered by the State. It was noted that the Kapahulu Master Plan proposed this property be used for a parking lot.
3. Information on what the legislature is doing to address the homeless problem was requested.

Representative Nishimoto was thanked for attending the meeting.

MAYOR'S OFFICE – Chair Narita reported Mayor's Office representative Walea Constantinau was unable to attend the meeting, but she had forwarded email responses to previously submitted questions as follows:

1. Regarding a concern about people living in vans on Paki Avenue and Noela Street, HPD checked the area, found a van which was cited as an abandoned vehicle. It did not appear that anyone was living in it.
2. Regarding a pothole on St. Louis Drive, it was determined that there is a base failure in this location, a contract to address permanent repairs is being prepared.
3. The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is investigating concerns about the traffic calming bulbout as a traffic sign keeps getting hit. DTS will also look into a request to install mid-block crosswalks at bus stops.
4. The Department Planning and Permitting checked out exposed pipes on the new medical building on Kapahulu Avenue and determined the plastic pipes needed to be painted to protect them from sunlight.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Additional inspection of the exposed pipes at the new medical office building was requested. The pipes that previously hung over the sidewalk were moved, but a problem still exists.

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

1. A list of parades for the next 18 months was provided to a Board member, and it was noted dates are tentative for some of the parades.

2. A water ponding problem in the Paki and Monsarrat avenues' area was addressed, follow up is being done on another similar problem approximately 200 feet away.
3. Follow up will be done on concerns about persons living in vans in the Paki Avenue and Noela Street area.
4. Alex Santiago, the lobbyist hired by Council Chair Marshall, appeared at a committee meeting chaired by Councilmember Djou who opposed Santiago's hiring.
5. Councilmember Djou has introduced a bill to increase the monthly parking fees paid by City employees. Fitchman noted as an example, unassigned parking costs employees \$35 a month.
6. Work is being done on saving energy by the City, suggestions are encouraged.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Information on what the Council is doing to address the homeless problem was requested.
2. It was noted that parking on streets around Kapiolani Park, are only for park use, not for commercial use, nor the homeless to sleep in their vehicles, etc.
3. Thanks were expressed for work on addressing the water ponding problem at Monsarrat and Paki avenues.
4. The City is not adequately addressing the problem with homeless persons living in their vehicles in Paki Avenue and Noela Street area.
5. It was requested that Councilmember Djou personally come to a future Board meeting.
6. A bill to increase the right-of-way on streets from 10 to 12 feet would have resulted in the loss of 35,000 on-street parking spaces, was postponed indefinitely, essentially killing the bill. The Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services are able to deal with areas with narrow right-of-ways.
7. Councilmember Djou was thanked for his work.

Fichtman was thanked for attending the meeting.

SENATOR LES IHARA – Senator Ihara was unable to attend the meeting. A written report was received reporting the following:

1. A lawsuit has been filed against the State regarding the condition of the Gold Coast area seawall.
2. There may be funds available for the Diamond Head State Monument.
3. A request was made on whether or not there was interest in developing a skating facility on a State Department of Transportation owned parcel at Kapahulu Avenue, King Street, and Waialae Avenue. Chair Narita appointed Wong to head a task force on this matter, and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI – Councilmember Kobayashi was unable to attend the meeting. Copies of her monthly newsletter were made available.

PRESENTATIONS:

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, MASTER PLAN UPDATE – Cathy Cutshaw, Vice Chancellor, and George Atta, from Group 70, a consultant, reported on the draft long range development plans. There are two plans being worked on, the long range plan from 1994 addresses development over the next five to seven years, and is part of a Plan

Review Use application to the City. A second plan addresses development over 20+ years. A new master plan is to follow. Future development includes new dorms, making the campus a 24-hour campus and a community within a community, more outdoor living spaces with new pathways connecting them, energy savings, increasing surface water permeability such as the use of green roofs to capture water run off for reuse, and greater use of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design in buildings.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. The need to address parking problems was requested. It was noted a parking specialist has been hired to study the parking situation.
2. It was suggested all students receive bus passes as part of their student fees as is done at Mainland universities. It was noted the UH does have an arrangement with TheBus for \$100 a semester bus passes.
3. The long range and master plan does include development of additional housing.
4. Financing housing is done via rental fees, other development is done via Capital Improvement Project funding.
5. The large amount of trash generated when students move in was noted, and that there is an on campus recycling program.
6. Kennedy Theater improvements are yet to be built, the parking component will be used by faculty, freeing up space for students. Additional parking for students has also been made available at the Hawaiian Studies building.
7. Heinrich noted the Manoa Neighborhood Board also received this presentation and was video taped for broadcast on Olelo later this month.

Cutshaw, Atta and Manke were thanked for attending the meeting.

KAPIOLANI COMMUNITY COLLEGE (KCC) PLAN UPDATE – Carol Hoshiko, Dean, Culinary Arts, reported the following:

1. The chancellor for KCC is Dr. Leon Richards.
2. There is funding available for their long range development plan.
3. They are in the planning, permitting and design phase of the new Culinary Institute to be built on the former Cannon Club site, under a 65-year lease, and is within the Diamond Head Master Plan area. The 43,000 sq. ft. facility will include a restaurant.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

1. Addressing the existing parking problems was requested. It was noted there will be some sharing of parking facilities with the Diamond Head Monument.
2. Work is being done on cleaning up a dumping problem near the former Cannon Club site before an August 18 fund raising event on the site. KCC's Auxiliary Services will address security of this site.

Hoshiko was thanked for attending the meeting.

HAWAIIAN HUMANE SOCIETY – Kawehi Yim, from the Hawaiian Humane Society, provided a brief background on the Society which was established in 1897, and took care of work animals, and unwed mothers and their children. Social service agencies took over taking care of the mothers and children, and the Society continues to care for work and companion animals. Today they have volunteer programs taking care of pets of persons on

military deployments, fostering kittens and puppies for eventual adoption. Work is also being done with the Red Cross on pet friendly civil defense shelters. If there is an emergency requiring evacuation to a pet friendly shelter, a two week supply of food and medical supplies should be on hand, and the pet needs to be in a crate or cage. Various informational materials were made available.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

There have been no recent cases of organized dog fights, the last were in the 1970s and 80s; chicken fights continue to be a concern.

Yim was thanked for attending the meeting.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS:

PLANTS ALONG DIAMOND HEAD CRATER – Chair Narita noted receipt of a call from KGMB about the dying plants along Diamond Head Crater. Members noted there was damage to the irrigation system causing the plants to die. DLNR is responsible for the area.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII LONG RANGE PLAN – Ron Lockwood, from the McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board, noted the Manoa, McCully-Moilili and Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights boards were part of long range plan meetings, and that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Board needs to designate a representative to attend these meetings. Lockwood also noted classes start on August 20, 2007.

TOTALLY AGAINST GRAFFITI (TAG) COMMUNITY CLEAN UP – Lockwood reported TAG will be holding a community clean-up day, September 29, 2007, at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed and should meet at Kuhio School.

BOARD ACTIONABLE ITEMS:

APPOINTMENT OF AN OAHU METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – Chair Narita reported that he will be serving as the Board's representative, and noted that there are no highway improvement projects for East Honolulu on the 2008 - 2012 list of improvement projects.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DLNR) KAPAHULU ZONE CHANGE, BILL 1, 548 KAPAHULU – Representative Nishimoto reviewed earlier comments on efforts to have a parking lot developed on this site rather than the commercial development DLNR is seeking.

Chair Narita requested the meeting be extended 10 minutes. There were no objections.

Waialeale suggested DLNR be invited to attend a Board meeting.

KAPIOLANI REGIONAL PARK MASTER PLAN UPDATE, DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, MAY 2007, BOARD TASK FORCE UPDATE/RESOLUTION – Chair Narita distributed copies of the task force report and a draft resolution requesting the Department of Design and Construction consider Board concerns relating to the master plan and the plans for a new entrance building for the Honolulu Zoo.

Harden moved and Wong seconded to support the resolution. Discussion followed.

1. Opposition to taking action on the resolution was expressed as it was only just provided and there has been no opportunity to review it.
2. Dissatisfaction with elements of the task force report was expressed.
3. The task force was established and resolution drafted to meet deadlines to submit responses to the Draft Environmental Assessment.

The motion carried, 10-3-1. Yea: Chang, Drown, Nahooii, Miller, Berlin, Matson, Wong, Harden, Persons, Narita. **Nay:** Egged, Waialeale, Allen. **Abstain:** Lockett.

COURTESY RESOLUTION, CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, “MODEL GOOD NEIGHBOR” – This matter was addressed earlier in the meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BOARD COMMITTEES – Deferred.

NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 5 HOUSE RULES – Deferred.

Discussion followed on material being provided to Board members prior to the meeting so that they can review it, such as putting the information on-line so members could access the information, accommodating those that do not have internet access, and deadlines to post information and retrieve information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The City is conducting community meetings on the waste water system, August 14, 2007, Ala Wai Elementary School, at 7:00 p.m., and August 22, 2007, Kapolei Hale, at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

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