



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

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 11, 2007 ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Bert Narita called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julia Allen, Roxie Berlin, S. Michael Cain, Ken Chang, Scot Drown, Rick Egged, Deborah Luckett, Barbara Miller, Bertha Nahoopii, Bert Narita, Don Persons, George Waialeale, Linda Wong.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jay Harden, Michelle Matson.

GUESTS: Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Captain David Dela Cruz (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD), Arthur Aiu (Board of Water Supply – BWS), Jan Bappe, Wayne Gau, Cindy McMillan (Communications Pacific), Chad Hiyakumoto, Linda Fujihara, Brett Schenk, Veronica Lamb, Cecilia Wahlquist, Gregg Hutchings (Palolo Neighborhood Board), Clayton Frank (Governor’s Representative; Director, Department of Public Safety – DPS), Dr. Panos Prevedouros (University of Hawaii), Candice Van Buren (Representative Nishimoto’s Office staff), Stan Fitchman (Councilmember Djou’s Office staff), Senator Les Ihara, Daisy Murai, Calvin Azama (Representative Say’s Office staff), Walea Constantinou (Mayor’s Representative), Sergeant Toyama (Honolulu Police Department – HPD District 7 East Honolulu); Major Randall Macadangdang and Sergeant Erick Lamontagne (HPD District 6 Waikiki); Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Chairman’s Report – Chair Narita distributed a written report that highlighted the prior meeting’s concerns about handling of meeting minutes and proposed development of a suggested board minutes standard with the intent of having all Board members on the same page. He reported that the draft June, July and August 2007 minutes were reviewed by Board officers for correctness but that the circulated Regular Meeting Minutes were not the finalized corrected versions. Chair Narita apologized for the distraction and confusion from that meeting, reporting that only what actually occurred at the meeting (stated, debated, presented, or acted on) will be in the minutes, with the discussions to be summarized. He asked that Board members be prepared to offer valid corrections but that the concept of “revise and extend” remarks is not part of Board meeting minutes.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain David Dela Cruz presented Waikiki station activity statistics for September 2007, reporting twenty-nine rubbish fires and ninety-one medical emergencies, for a total of 120 emergency responses. He also presented an October Fire Safety Tip:

When selecting Halloween costumes, ensure they are flame-resistant, made of lightweight fabric, rightly colored, and clearly visible to motorists. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape. Keep the length of costumes short to prevent tripping. A natural mask of cosmetics is better than a mask that may restrict breathing or obscure vision. Children should carry flashlights to light their way.

The Honolulu Fire Department would like to remind the community that the HFD provides assistance to the Honolulu Emergency Services Department (EMS) by responding cooperatively when the need for emergency care services arises. Due to the



HFD's 42 fire station and a handful of the EMS ambulance units, we are able to provide quality patient care and protect the citizens of the City and County of Honolulu.

Dela Cruz invited the community to participate in Fire Prevention Week activities at fire stations and through community events. Dela Cruz responded to Chair Narita's question and reported the investigation of the Ridge brush fire is continuing, saying that he had not noticed any flares or inflammables 'hot spot' but that he would be checking with the investigator. Chair Narita thanked Dela Cruz for his report.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 6, Waikiki – Sergeant Erick Lamontagne, reported area statistics (Beat 662) for September 2007, including no robberies, four burglaries, ten thefts, no motor vehicle thefts, five criminal property damage cases, seventeen liquor law violations, eleven motor vehicle collisions, twenty-two arguments, sixteen unauthorized entrance to motor vehicles, and 461 total cases, with the total district calls at 3,822. Lamontagne introduced district commander Major Randall Macadangdang. Waialeale asked for best wishes for his rapid recovery be conveyed to the HPD chief and reported concerns about traffic from 910 Kapahulu Avenue (the condominium building adjacent mauka from the new Safeway store) making left turns onto Kapahulu going mauka (moving stop line) and signal light timing on Kapahulu Avenue; Lamontagne thanked Waialeale and referred the Kapahulu incidents to Sergeant Toyama, who covers the Kapahulu area. Chair Narita thanked Lamontagne for his report.

HPD District 7, East Honolulu – Sergeant Toyama distributed copies of area statistics and invited the community to review call statistics at any time on the HPD District 7 web-site. He announced the planned official opening of the new Safeway Kapahulu store would be November 9 (with a soft opening on November 8) and that the store expects a large crowd and will be hiring special duty officers to assist; he noted that the store is supposed to be the largest Safeway Store in the nation. He said he would follow up on the 910 Kapahulu address, with Waialeale saying that there had been discussions about the entranceway but that the finished product needs adjustment, including Waialeale expressing concern over the loss of several street parking stalls (for small business operators). Chair Narita thanked Toyama for his report.

Board Of Water Supply (BWS) – Arthur Aiu reported a main break in September at 2550 Date Street involving a twelve inch pipe installed in 1938. He offered a water conservation tip:

October is "Make A Difference Month," and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply would like to encourage everyone to "make a difference" by helping to preserve and protect our precious water resources. There are very simple ways you can do this:

1. Don't let the faucet run and run.
2. Take shorter showers.
3. Put a nozzle on your garden hose.
4. Install water-efficient plumbing fixtures.
5. Water your lawns just 2-3 times a week and don't water between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
6. Grow plants that match your home's climate conditions. For recommendations, check out the Oahu Planting Guide on www.boardofwatersupply.com.
7. Check for leaks in plumbing and toilets.

Aiu also reported recent media stories about a man was recently sentenced to five years in prison for stealing copper from a BWS facility, explaining that the prosecute resulted from the help of a surrounding resident who witnessed the thief in action and called 911. He asked that all residents call 911 immediately if they might see any sort of suspicious activity – illegal dumping, vandalism, theft, etc. He stressed that these criminal acts not only impact BWS facilities, but as ratepayers, the damage, dumping or theft costs you money. Wong asked about graffiti removal on the Kapahulu Avenue pump

station's rock walls, with Aiu reporting that it would be handled as part of the refurbishing of the station which is going out to bid; Wong expressed concern that the graffiti tags were long-standing and could be dealt with without refurbishing the building. Chair Narita thanked Aiu for the report.

PRESENTATION

Effective Solutions to Oahu's Traffic Congestion Problems – Chair Narita asked for the Board to hear the agenda presentation by Dr. Panos D. Prevedouros; there were no objections to changing the agenda and Chair Narita introduced University of Hawaii Transportation Engineering Professor Prevedouros. Prevedouros pointed out that traffic congestion has identifiable causes:

1. Lane deficient – too few roadways exist on Oahu for the population, a quantifiable comparison that can be made with Oahu at 1.5 per thousand, being an extremely low number for a non-third world setting.
2. Users constant – transit users have remained the same over the past forty years, despite a doubling of population. As a community, we have not been able to encourage use of transit alternatives.
3. Transit expense – an average transit trip is ten times more expensive than a single user's trip, emphasizing that rail is not green technology. He pointed out that 2/3 of rail user trips nationwide are in the New York City area. Additionally, he pointed that the difference is becoming worse, with fuel efficient vehicles here now (electric and hybrid).

Prevedouros pointed out problems with the planned expenditures for transit construction:

1. Seattle planned transit in 1996 with the projected cost \$3.9 billion and completion in 10 years; in 2007 the cost has grown to \$15 billion and 24 years till finished.
2. Washington D.C.'s 11.6 miles of transit have had cost estimates doubled.
3. Honolulu's is to be very expensive, with fractional rider ship and alternative analysis not finished.
4. Alternatives include highways, with costs of a Tampa highway projected at \$32 million per mile and a California highway at \$32 million per mile versus Honolulu transit at \$162 million per mile.

Prevedouros said that rail is a costly underachiever, only being viable in situations where there is a high population, physical access constraints, and limited parking supply. He pointed out that rail is expensive, and that even the Oahu proponents are saving that rail will only be an alternative and will not solve traffic problems. Prevedouros pointed out traffic engineering solutions that exist:

1. Removal of bottlenecks (such as Kalihi Street)
2. Develop a four-lane viaduct
3. Use of ramp metering
4. PM zipper lane

As examples of non-construction solutions, Prevedouros offered:

1. Contra flowing Dillingham
2. Improving signal light coordination
3. Encouraging of four day work weeks, staggering work on four-day/ten-hours schedules
4. Shifting start times of schools, specifically high schools and UH to 9 a.m.
5. Clearing of traffic accidents faster
6. Encouraging telecommuting

As an example of removing bottlenecks, Prevedouros offered possible improvements to the Queen's Hospital area of King Street and Punchbowl, where creation of lane separations by lowering of one street to below the level of the other could be accomplished by close to \$5 million, suggesting five to ten similar sites, for a total expenditure of a maximum of \$1 billion, which should be 80% federally fundable. Prevedouros also described the viaduct concept, saying that traffic congestion on the leeward corridor can be addressed by a 4-lane reversible High Occupancy and Toll (HOT) Expressway with ramps to and from: H-1 Freeway, H-2 Freeway, Kamehameha Highway and Farrington Highway at the west end, then ramps in Aiea, Pearl Harbor, Aloha Stadium, Lagoon Drive, Waiakamilo Street and Nimitz Highway in Iwilei, as well as a left turn underpass from Nimitz Highway to Alakea Street. The

viaduct concept is endorsed by the Federal officials, is in operation in Tampa (where it is a city/county project termed as a Reversible Express Lane – REL), was built on a central beam (top down – so that minimal regular traffic disruption occurred), with bus and van pools free, and in Honolulu could change drive time from Kapolei to downtown from 75 minutes for the rail to 15 minutes for the REL. He commented that the rail system, because of the numbers of stops its committed to make, would average 75 minutes at a speed of 23 miles an hour versus the current average speed of 30 mph between Kapolei and town. He also called attention to unaddressed issues of transit strikes and the need to combat crime on the rail operation. Prevedouros summarized that the REL for Honolulu could be accomplished for \$900 million, with 80% qualifying for Federal funds, that HOT is a win for Honolulu, and that rail is the least capable alternative, with the transit site developments being free money (we are paying) for developers. Waialeale asked if any REL operations have been done that were not toll, with Prevedouros saying none have tried it. Lockett asked about toll structure; Prevedouros said the Tampa operation had buses and van-pools as free, with single car paying a toll, and the resulting traffic flowing at 60-mph. Lockett also asked about state ownership and town parking issues, with Prevedouros saying that the City currently has toll authority (vs. the state not having had legislation passed to allow it to set up a toll road) and that there is no prediction for large growth of jobs in the downtown area, with parking currently on marginal surface sites which could be converted to parking structures if needed. Egged said surface streets back up from parking sites with Prevedouros listing solutions of underpasses, timed lights (traffic light synchronization), and the point of never stopping at lights for over 2.5 minutes (pointing to Castle – 6 minutes – and Kapiolani – 3 minutes – as problem sites) as major steps to ease town traffic flow. Cane said the support for the transit concept is based on 1) concern for increasing City's density as building are moved for lanes, 2) understanding the bias (and not understanding your bias) and 3) island is a physical limit (therefore transit is a defined solution); Prevedouros said the town is in a normal shape for a city (not restricted to the degree required) and that a pattern in rail transit development is to cannibalize bus operations. Wong stressed her desire to see underpass and traffic light synchronization systems to proceed and praised BART, but said BART had little ridership. Daisy expressed concerns about transit line stations becoming multi-level commercial centers, with Prevedouros saying that a possible design is on the transit proposal website for the Aloha tower schematic, and concluded with an invitation to email him at pdp@hawaii.edu Chair Narita thanked Prevedouros for his presentation. Lockett left at 8:00 p.m.; twelve Board members present.

REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Narita noted that the Chair's Report had been distributed.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Drown reported the prior month's expenditures at \$39.51 and a balance remaining at \$3495.55.

Sub-District 1 (St. Louis Heights) – Chair Narita announced Lockett had needed to leave earlier.

Sub-District 2 (Kapahulu) – Nahoopii reported the November 9, 2007 Safeway Store opening, with Cindy MacMillan (from Communications Pacific) reporting invitations to Board and residents to an evening store preview on November 8, 2007. Nahoopii also reported concerns from adjoining residents who were asking (through Doug Oliveira) to be on the November agenda and announced a new dinner-only restaurant, by Chef Jocelyn, in the Prudential building (old Dillingham site – 614 Kapahulu Avenue), with eighty parking stalls to be available (night time parking only). Wong asked MacMillan about Kapahulu Avenue traffic light synchronization around the Safeway Store, with MacMillan reporting that she had talked to traffic engineers who had told her that the makai direction from Olu Street to Kalakaua was finished and that she would report any action she hears on the mauka direction coordination.

Sub-District 3 (Diamond Head) – Chair Narita asked if there were any other Sub-District 3 items; Wong said no. Chair Narita noted the pending item for a Skateboard Park resolution and asked if Wong wished to discuss the issue later under the Resolution agenda item; Wong agreed that the issue should be after the government reports.

ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS

Governor's Representative – Clayton Frank (Director, Department of Public Safety – DPS) represented Governor Lingle and announced that this month has been declared Disability Employment Awareness Month, that an affordable housing regulatory barriers task force has been formed, that \$25 million has been released for school repairs, that the Department of Health (DOH) is conducting a health summit (nutrition) and a recent homeland security conference had been held in Hawaii. Drown expressed concern over debris left in the water (on reef and shore break) after the contractor had removed the boat from Diamond Head, with Frank asked to follow up with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). Wong asked for more information on the DOH nutrition summit, with Frank saying DOH could be contacted directly but that he would follow up. Chair Narita thanked Frank for his report.

Senator Les Ihara – Senator Ihara discussed community issues:

1. Diamond Head State Monument had \$4.4 million appropriated for a trail system development and DLNR is requesting release of those funds. He also reported continuing discussion on a \$260,000 appropriation (from two-years ago) for the Cannon Club site (Kapolani Community College – KCC – culinary center), where the University system was asked to participate in a joint project with DLNR for a new parking lot (joint because the DLNR would have it as a trolley site for a Crater visitor center).
2. Gold Coast seawall walkway repair project lawsuit (\$1.2 million legislation appropriation, where the Governor declined to release funds because the funds were to repair private property) was reported as having the land owners offering to withdraw the lawsuit if the State will make the repairs.
3. The vacant lot (adjacent to Prudential building) use is being evaluated by the State, with the original plan to ask for bids for use as a commercial site but with a new evaluation in light of the community petition submitted asking for a review and new concept.
4. Waahila Ridge issues were reported to have been reviewed, with Ihara and St. Louis Heights Community Association members (including Wayne Gau) having made a site visit, DLNR expected to visit and cite illegal campers (at two locations) in the next several weeks and a fire plan being requested to be developed for the brush area. Ihara suggested the community association coordinate developing a fire plan, with HFD being the lead.
5. Skateboard designers were present to discuss the skateboard park issue.
6. The left turn issue at the 910 Kapahulu address was agreed to by Ihara that it is a disaster waiting but that it is a City issue, reporting Safeway is willing to modify the intersection but the State is opposed. Ihara suggested videotaping the intersection, with MacMillan reporting that the City has a traffic camera at that intersection.
7. Safeway's complex was to have included a post office operation, and Ihara said that the two unresolved issues with the Safeway project were the previously mentioned 910 Kapahulu intersection and the post office, which is apparently being limited to boxes only due to space considerations. (Wong commented that the synchronization of Kapahulu Avenue lights has yet to be completed.)

Ihara said he has been asking community residents to attend the next Board meeting, where he is requesting that the Board place the Castle Street limousine operation on the Board's agenda, explaining that the concern is for many business-related cars in a residential area. Waialeale asked about the super ferry issue, with Ihara reported that a Senate caucus is developing a draft bill which he believes will provide needed protection, not create precedence, and address concerns of the integrity of law. Cane volunteered to work with the St. Louis Community Association on the proposed fire plans,

explaining that he has access to other fire plans, especially the brush and landscape aspects of the concerns, and inviting the association to contact him. Cane also asked about the campers at Waahila Ridge, saying they've been there for years, with Ihara reporting several others and himself having walked the area, noting that some tented sites were active and some abandoned, and commenting that the DLNR is willing to clear the area but would like it to be cared for. Wong asked about the ferry-related legislative session being up to the governor, with Ihara agreeing that the session will need to be called by the governor, where the laws are made by majority vote. Drown thanked the legislators and Safeway for working together on the successful project. Waialeale asked about the ferry legislation as a precedence-setting issue, with Ihara saying that the Waiahole Ditch purchase example opened the door for others but that the issue is very narrowly defined. Ihara said he was prepared to discuss skateboarding, with Chair Narita deferring the issue and thanking Ihara for his report.

Representative Calvin Say – Calvin Hazama represented Speaker Say and distributed a written community report, offering to refer any questions to Say; there were no questions. Chair Narita thanked Hazama for the report.

Representative Scott Nishimoto – Chair Narita asked that the Board's best wishes be conveyed to Representative Nishimoto, who had recently had surgery. Candice Van Buren, was present from Nishimoto's Office, and reported the Fourth Annual Community Recycling Clean-Up to be held Saturday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Kaimuki High School parking lot. She stressed that calling for picking up items was possible and invited everyone to bring recycling items. Chair Narita thanked Van Buren was thanked for the report.

Mayor's Office – Walea Constantinau represented Mayor Hannemann and reported on issues from prior meetings, suggesting that anyone who notes a pot hole or an abandoned vehicle call the item in directly, rather than waiting to bring it to the meeting – City Pothole Report Line: 768-7777 and Abandoned Vehicle Line: 733-2530:

1. A request for a new timer at Dillingham Fountain has been submitted.
2. Restrooms under the Kapiolani Park Bandstand are not open to the general public but are for entertainers and events. The Department of Facility Maintenance inspected the site and it seemed in order but plumbers will be following up.
3. St. Louis Drive and Dole Street sewer-repair related potholes were reported but not found by a crew that went out to inspect; however, several potholes on Dole Street were observed and repaired that were not sewer-related.
4. Neighborhood Plan revision public hearing are scheduled for November 3rd and November 5th, 2007.
5. A review of traffic accidents reports at the traffic calming roundabout (6th Avenue and Campbell) found that accidents are not attributed to the roundabout, but to speeding or inattention of the driver. Since the need to reduce speeding was the issue from the community traffic calming meetings, the roundabout is not planned for removal.
6. The City does not indiscriminately install marked crosswalks; a study is needed to confirm safety. If there is a specific location, please report that.
7. Restricted parking stall use at Sunset-on-the-Beach activities are monitored, with some stalls for use only at different times as needed for set-up, take-down and entertainers, as well as other event use. Wong asked about the many 'no-parking' Sunset-on-the-Beach signs the past week-end, with Constantinau pointing out that there was no Sunset-on-the-Beach on the last weekend, but another event. Wong asked about crafter's fair, with Constantinau agreeing that the signs are placed 24 hours before the event.

Chair Narita thanked Constantinau for her report.

Councilmember Charles Djou – Stan Fichtman, represented Councilmember Djou, distributed a monthly report and highlighted the following:

1. The State funded \$2 million to the counties for partnerships with non-profit homeless assistance organizations, with Honolulu expending \$750,000 to IHS, \$500,000 for emergency shelters in Leeward, and \$750,000 for a North Shore project. Berlin commented on the large amounts and asked about construction or specifically identified projects; Fichtman said the funds are allocated but non-specific.
2. Limousine laws restrict limos if they are 20 feet or more (or 10,000 pounds by weight), with Chair Narita mentioning that many vehicles are deliberately made to be 19½ feet to avoid the restrictions, which generally limit parking to four hours on City streets.
3. He reported that the City restricts red curb painting to passenger and commercial loading zones and bus stops (not in any other “no parking” area).

Nahoopii asked for low spots on Paki Avenue (Monsarrat Street to the bathrooms) to be filled. Nahoopii also asked about residential parking restrictions for limos; Fichtman said he would check. Waialeale commented that the Councilmember has not been present recently and invited him to attend the meeting. Chair Narita asked about how a request to paint a bus stop should be made; Fichtman said that the individual request should be made to the City’s Department of Transportation Services. Chair Narita thanked Fichtman for the report.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi stressed the Community Recycling Clean-Up on Saturday, October 13, (8 a.m. to 2 p.m.), at Kaimuki High School and encouraged community participation. She endorsed the prior presentation by Dr. Prevedouros and reported that she has been pushing for a bus fixed guideway system. Waialeale expressed pleasure in seeing a real councilmember and being able to see a councilmember face-to-face. Wong asked about the super ferry, with Kobayashi reporting that she had faith in Ihara’s abilities. Kobayashi reported that she had observed the concerns Waialeale had expressed about the driveway and reported that the City’s engineers had said they would look at it; with Waialeale expressing concern that an accident will be required before action – Kobayashi said Safeway was in favor of the alteration and that she would keep working on it. Chair Narita asked about calling to have items picked up for the recycling event; Kobayashi agreed that a pick up service was available and invited the community to call (referring to distributed flyers), stressing that if a large refrigerator was need to be moved that member Egged would assist. Chair Narita thanked Kobayashi for her report.

Community Concerns – Chair Narita invited members of the community to comment on community concerns not covered: Cecila Waters reported street-usage problems in the area around Campbell Avenue and Castle Street with limousines and other vehicles parked on the streets for long periods, explaining that a car would be parked for several days, and after the City’s abandoned vehicle section would be called and responded, the vehicle would be moved two inches – sufficient to negated the abandoned vehicle markings. She reported this as an ongoing problem. Chair Narita said he would place the item on the November Board agenda and mail a letter to invite the limousine service located at the site; there were no objections to placing the item on the agenda. Waialeale asked for copies of the current law to be provided, with Chair Narita asking that Fichtman provide the law for the members.

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for August 9 and September 13, 2007 – Waialeale moved and Nahoopii seconded to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2007 and September 13, 2007 as circulated. Chair Narita asked for any objections, and with no objections, declared the motion for approval of the two minutes passed unanimously 12-0-0.

Resolution on Skateboard Park – Chair Narita asked for Wong to explain her skateboard issue; Wong referred to a mailed and distributed resolution on a City-built skateboard park, asking for the Board to take action on the resolution. **Chair Narita declared that the motion was for the passage of the resolution, with the first resolved stating: Be it resolved that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board supports the proposal for a skateboard park located at the mauka corner of Waialae Avenue and Kapiolani Boulevard; provided that concerns regarding noise, safety, graffiti, and issues are resolved in the process of gaining**

support for and implementing the proposal. Berlin moved to adopt the motion, with Waialeale seconding. Ihara spoke in favor of the motion, explaining that the intent would be for Mayor Hannemann to make a request to the State for this property, which the State is in the process of preparing for public sale through auction. Egged asked Ihara about a sign-off process by which public lands are made available to other agencies and jurisdictions prior to a declaration that the site is 'surplus property' and to be release from public use (and sale to private ownership); Ihara said he would check. Ihara explained that two years ago the property went out to bid, with a \$400,000 minimum, and the property was awarded at \$1 million, but the bidder's funds did not come through, suggesting to Ihara that the process of public review might be past but agreeing with Egged that it might be possible to reconsider the proposed government release of the site. **Chair Narita noted the hour as after the 9 p.m. established adjournment time, and without objections, declared that the meeting would continue until the completion of the resolution issue.** Hutchins said he is encouraging the skateboard park development, that he had met with Councilmember Kobayashi to suggest private funds be raised to assist the skate park development and recommended Chad Hiyakumoto as an expert on designing parks. Hiyakumoto, from the ATV Skateboard Shop, encouraged Board support for the skate park, offering to help with the design, and explaining that there are no set design standards. Berlin encouraged a vote. Hutchins added that several in the audience were present to help answer any concerns. Drown asked about the small (5,200 square foot) size, with Hiyakumoto agreeing that the site was small but that a skate park could be done, saying that 9000 square feet is a better size. Linda Fujihara said she was supportive but expressed concerns about loud music; Hiyakumoto said that the prior YMCA user had skateboard contests, but that this was not intended to be the use. Hutchins commented that the prior YMCA concept had fees for use and was only for weekends. **Chair Narita noted that there seemed to be very little, if any, Board opposition and asked for unanimous consent for the resolution in favor of a City skateboard park; there was no objection, and Chair Narita declared the adoption by unanimous consent 12-0-0.**

Deferral of Agenda to Subsequent Meeting – Chair Narita noted the time and announced that, unless there was objection, the agenda would be deferred except for the time-sensitive issue of proposed Neighborhood Plan revisions; there were no objections.

Neighborhood Plan Revisions – Chair Narita reported public hearings to be held by the Neighborhood Commission on a proposed substitution to the current Neighborhood Plan (rules covering the operations of the Neighborhood Boards), suggesting that there were three alternatives: refer the issue to a Board task force, have each member respond individually, and take no action. He reported the public hearings to be on November 3rd and November 5th, 2007. Egged asked if there objectionable items in the revisions, noting that he had read through and had not noticed major issues, with Chair Narita reporting that there were conflicts between sections, referring to lists from members from other neighborhood boards (specifically Heinrich and Glanstein). Egged asked if Chair Narita would classify the items as critical, and when Chair Narita agreed that they did not seem to be critical, with Egged suggesting the Board take no action. Chair Narita said that responses at the public hearing could still be by individuals and that the Board would take no action. Wong asked if a motion was required, with Chair Narita explaining that a motion was not necessary.

Sound System – Waialeale requested longer microphone cords for subsequent meetings.

Adjournment – Egged moved and Waialeale seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chair Narita noted no objections and announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff