



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

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 8, 2008 ALA WAI GOLF COURSE CLUBHOUSE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Bert Narita called the meeting (agenda filed on May 8, 2008 at the City and County of Honolulu's City Clerk's Office) to order at 7:00 p.m. with a ten-member quorum present out of the fifteen total members (present: Allen, Berlin, Chang, Harden, Lockett, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale), with a quorum of eight required to be present and voting in support of any Board action for the motion to pass.

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

**GUESTS:** Speaker Calvin Say, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Representative Scott Nishimoto; James Stern, Ezekiel Chandra (Kapaehulu Bible Church), Pete Pascua (Wilson Okamoto Associates); Mark Kikuchi, Adrian Chang (Traffic Engineering, Department of Transportation Services – DTS); Captain Jeffrey Richards, Lt. Dwight Rodrigues, Sgt. Ryan Okabe (Honolulu Police Department – HPD District 6 Waikiki); Lt. Art Kurosu, Sgt. G. Perreira (HPD District 7 East Honolulu); Daisy Murai, B. Mikam, Wynona Chun, Walea Constantinou (Oahu Film Office, Mayor's Representative), Ron Lockwood (Chair, McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8), Captain Keith Nakanelua (Honolulu Fire Department – HFD), Clayton Frank (Governor's Representative; Director, Department of Public Safety – DPS), Candice Van Buren (Representative Nishimoto's Office staff), Stan Fichtman (Councilmember Djou's Office staff), Elwin Spray (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**Welcome** – Chair Narita welcomed the community to the meeting.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Chair Narita deferred the HFD report.

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 6, Waikiki** – Captain J. Richards said officers had recently received reports of a surf school conducting 'dry land' instruction on the edge of Kapiolani Park, with officers having followed up and told the class leaders to move off the public area; Richards said the park area would continue to be monitored for possible commercial users. Sergeant R. Okabe reported on the distributed activity statistic report for the past month, highlighting Neighborhood Board No. 5 Waikiki beat (No. 662), with no robberies, one burglary, eleven thefts, thirteen motor vehicle collisions, five criminal property damage cases, seven Unauthorized Entrance to Motor Vehicles (UEMV), two motor vehicle thefts, five assaults, forty-one liquor law offences and twenty-nine non-family arguments, with 488 total calls for the beat, and a total of 3526 calls for the Waikiki District 6. Chair Narita reported a concern from Drown about public drinking of attendees to a 3 p.m. Waikiki Shell concert, where drinking was on-going outside the Shell (in the Park, in the parking lot, and at cars in the community) both before and after the event, explaining that Chair Narita had suggested that Drown follow up directly with Richards. Chair Narita thanked Richards and the officers for their report.

Member Cain arrived at 7:05 p.m.; eleven Board members present.



**HPD District 7, East Honolulu** – Sgt. G. Perreira referred to distributed copies of East Honolulu-area comparison statistics, highlighting the website: [www.honoluluupd.org/patrol/d7](http://www.honoluluupd.org/patrol/d7) where details are posted for the monthly reports. He referenced the maps of the covered areas were included both on-line and in the handout and the contact number for the community policing team (Officers Jason Hendricks and Tony Kahapea at 529-3628). Chair Narita expressed a commendation for officers' quick response to a "suspicious activity" report on St. Louis Heights (which turned out to be a realtor giving a client a tour of the community). Nahoopii asked about pedestrian bike path use and rights-of-way (referring to the one near Paki Hale) with Capt. Richards saying that if its marked as a bike path then bikes have a right to be there, saying that he would think the path should be shared but that he would also ask the HPD bicycle patrol to check on the area. Nahoopii commented on the bath's use by groups of runners when training for up-coming races, with Luckett saying both should be able to use and Waialeale saying more signage should be placed. Richards said he would discuss signs with Parks, including the possibility of painting notices on the pathway. Waialeale said that in Ala Moana Park walkers have precedence over other users, with Richards saying he would follow up.

Member Egged arrived at 7:10 p.m.; twelve Board members present.

Murai reported a dog walker was cited on the bike path, with Murai, Richards and Perreira discussing that the reason for a citation could have been for several reasons: Perreira saying if the area was posted with a sign then dogs are not allowed and Richards saying that the general rule is for no dogs allowed in City parks (unless it's a posted dog park) but that signs are normally posted at the main entrance. Wynona Chun stressed the concern about community drinking from the Waikiki Shell concert (identifying it as on April 12, 2008), saying that those parking on area streets were both openly drinking and urinating in residential bushes. She thanked officers for being present in marked police vehicles but stressed the need for walking patrols, expressing concern about the lack of respect for private property exhibited by the drinkers. Perreira said that HPD bicycle patrols would be put out for future concerts and asked that 911 be called upon witnessing problems so that the issue could be addressed then. Chair Narita thanked the officers for their reports and for their attendance.

Member Drown arrived at 7:20 p.m.; thirteen Board members present.

**Board Of Water Supply (BWS)** – Chair Narita noted BWS Arthur Aiu was not present but had left a report for circulation (reporting no area main breaks for April 2008, promotion of the toilet detect-a-leak week and information on a BWS power cost adjustment).

## **REPORTS**

**Chairman's Report** – Chair Narita wished the community a Happy Mother's Day and noted the conclusion of the legislative session. He reported the 548 Kapahulu Avenue Property was being recommended for reconsideration, based on a call to Senator Les Ihara Jr. from Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Chair Laura Thielen, with the new proposal to be an auction of the parcel for commercial parking use. He reported the Kapiolani Community College Culinary Institute planning continues (Task Force communication had been forwarded), as does Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization's (OMPO) planning on fixed guideway stations. He reported attending the Neighborhood Commission meeting where the legislative revisions to the Sunshine Law were announced, thanking Chair Grant Tanimoto and Executive Secretary Joan Manke for the success. He also noted that the majority of the neighborhood boards are not supportive of board term limits and that the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the board system is approaching. Chair Narita thanked all those who participated in the many recent public hearings and meetings, noting that community input is important as the DLNR case is being reheard due to community input.

**Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Drown reported prior month's expenditures of \$40.19, with a remaining Board balance of \$3206.13.

**Sub-District 1 (St. Louis Heights) Report** – Sub-District Chair Luckett said she wished to applaud the Mayor and had some questions which she would defer to later, said she applauded legislators for solar legislation and reported no meeting this month for the St. Louis Heights Community Association but noted an increase in attendance, recognizing member Miller's posting of an announcement sign at the bottom of the hill.

**Sub-District 2 (Kapahulu)** – Sub-District Chair Nahoopii had no report.

**Sub-District 3 (Diamond Head)** – Harden reported meeting with proponents of placing a transit question on the November 2008 ballot and encouraged those interested to assist in circulating a petition for ballot placement (sharing a flyer with the address: info@stoprailnow.com).

Member Matson arrived at 7:30 p.m.; fourteen Board members present.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD)** – Captain Keith Nakanelua was present from the Waikiki Station (HFD Station 7), reporting the prior month's (April 2008) activity statistics categorized as twenty-seven structure fires, six rubbish fires, one vehicle fire, and ten false alarms, and 128 medical emergencies. The offered a Fire Safety Tip:

The risk of wildland fires increases as summer approaches. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. Some wildland fires could force the evacuation of neighborhoods. Have an emergency preparedness plan ready in case of such an event. Consider the route you would take and other preparations you could have in place if you need to evacuate your home due to an emergency. If your property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access in case the fire approaches your home.

Chair Narita thanked Nakanelua for his report.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Governor's Representative** – Clayton Frank (Director, State Department of Public Safety – DPS) represented Governor Linda Lingle and reported discussing the 548 Kapahulu Avenue Property issue with DLNR Director Thielen, agreeing that she had reconsidered the issue based on the Board and community input. He reported following up about an issue on children's welfare funds with the Governor's Office reporting that there was no withholding of the funds and that the Diamond Head monument project would be reviewed by DLNR, with Chair Narita mentioning a planned meeting on the monument scheduled for May 13, 2008. Egged asked about the 548 Kapahulu Avenue Property issue, with Chair Narita saying the issue was a separate agenda item later in the meeting and asking to defer the issue to that time. Chair Narita thanked Frank for his report.

**Senator Les Ihara** – Chair Narita reported Senator Ihara as being on the mainland.

**Representative Calvin Say** – Chair Narita deferred Speaker Say's report to later on the agenda.

**Representative Scott Nishimoto** – Representative Nishimoto reported that the 548 Kapahulu Avenue Property information was wonderful news for the community and commented that it was not a guaranteed resolution, with Senator Ihara and himself setting up meetings with the likely bidder, Prudential Properties. Chair Narita asked to defer the issue to the later agenda item. Chair Narita thanked Nishimoto for his report.

**Mayor's Representative** – Chair Narita deferred the Mayor's representative's report.

**Councilmember Charles Djou** – Stan Fichtman, of Councilmember Djou’s Office staff, reported current Council issues include a resolution establishing the location of transit rail stops and the City’s budget bill (a second draft is being circulated), with the budget items including proposed funding for lights at the entrance to Kapiolani Park, inviting anyone who wishes to support that project to testify on the budget bill. Berlin asked about Djou’s authorship of legislation to limit neighborhood board member terms, saying there was general Board and Commission opposition, including sixty-six Board seats vacant, and that a League of Women Voters (LWV) meeting had brought up a suggestion that the issue was being pursued by Kailua bed-and-breakfast special interest supporters who were unhappy about being unable to displace current Board members at past elections. Fichtman said the proposed term limit legislation came from the report of a year-long task force which included input from Kailua bed-and-breakfast supporters but also had input from others, and that Djou’s support of term limits is based on the belief that all elected government officials should have term limits, with Berlin pointing to a difference between paid and unpaid positions. Waialeale noted information received from Fichtman about cleaning of beaches only above the high water mark and asked if Djou supports bed-and-breakfasts, with Fichtman saying Djou has not taken a position. Matson noted bed-and-breakfast style transient accommodations along Diamond Head Road and suggested Djou look at the issues, expressing concern about reports of rentals being done without permits, as have been done in Manoa and Aina Hina, with resulting problems. Fichtman noted a proposed bill had been introduced but after a hearing, had been put on hold for 90 days, with Councilmember Tam being the contact point as the Planning and Zoning Committee Chair. Egged said he remembered reading that the City’s Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) had stepped up enforcement and asked if there was a phone number where possible violations could be reported, with Fichtman agreeing that DPP was involved and said he have the contact number at a future meeting. Luckett asked about transient definitions, with Fichtman saying the number is under thirty days and that over thirty days is a month-to-month rental. Matson asked about the Kapiolani lights cost, with Fichtman saying the listed cost figure is simply a holding amount of \$1,000 and that a more exact amount is expected by the May 20, 2008 hearing. Chair Narita thanked Fichtman for his report.

**Mayor’s Office** – Walea Constantinou represented Mayor Mufi Hannemann and was available to respond to questions. Cain asked about the status of the sewer project along the Ala Wai Canal, asking for the project timeline with special concern for the time of possible displacement of the canoe paddlers as the project is being built. Luckett applauded the Mayor for the start of the recycling program and asked about the St. Louis Heights schedule, the 120 bins to be placed in public locations, the justification for planned shipment of landfill items to the mainland and about a tour of the H-Power plant; Constantinou said she would follow up, noting that tours of the plant were possible. Egged reported City plans for the removal of the black pipes (for the sewer bypass project) from the Ala Wai roadway, saying the removal would be started in May 2008. Matson reported a recent presentation at Kalani High School on Luckett’s questions, and suggested a presentation at the Board, suggesting it also include an item on the recycling of steel rails and the use of green waste bins, with Constantinou saying she would follow up on possible scheduling of a recycling presentation. Chair Narita thanked Constantinou for her assistance.

**Councilmember Ann Kobayashi** – Councilmember Kobayashi distributed a community report and highlighted her request that a Council bill defining transit development be expanded to permit inclusion of testimony from this area. She reported that the budget legislation includes a canoe halau for this end of the Ala Wai Canal, including a shower.

Member Wong arrived at 7:55 p.m.; fifteen Board members present

Luckett said that it was important for the transit development to include an airport-downtown-university line. Kobayashi explained that a steel-on-steel transit line would have to extend sixty feet above the freeway in order to reach the Manoa campus location, while the rubber-on-concrete option would not need the height. Matson referred to the need reported for mass transit, saying that other alternatives are possible and that consideration of blight creation, especially with a 130 foot elevation at the Ala

Moana Center, is not being actively considered and stressed the need for the right solution. Kobayashi said that alternatives are not being given a fair chance, including, as an example, consideration of fuel cell technology, and urged signing of petitions for including transit onto the ballot. Matson urged Board members to sign the petition with Chair Narita saying the agenda item is for questions. Waialeale asked if transit route landowners have been notified of their possible loss of their residences or businesses; Kobayashi said that notification had not been done. Waialeale proposed having large speakers attached to a sound system park outside of proponents' residences to have them experience the sound of the transit system with Kobayashi noting it was 4 a.m. to midnight every day of the year. Wong reported having spoken with Mayor Hannemann who told her a University stop site had not been identified and also suggested Kobayashi run for mayor, with Kobayashi saying she was running for re-election. Matson opposed a concrete transit "gateway" at the entrance to green Manoa Valley. Murai thanked Kobayashi for standing up to steel-on-steel proponents and asked about a proposed transit authority bill, with Kobayashi saying had been deferred due to Councilmembers suggesting the member composition needed revision to create more independence but that the legislation would be taken up within several weeks. Murai also asked about Bill 10, with Kobayashi saying that the legislature had added \$350,000 and a meeting was to be held on May 27, 2008. Chair Narita thanked Kobayashi for her report.

## PRESENTATION

**City Intersection Improvements to Harding Avenue at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue** – Pete Pascual, from Wilson Okamoto Associates, introduced City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) staff Mark Kikuchi and Adrian Chang, saying they were present to provide an update on planned improvement to Harding Avenue. Pascual distributed an engineering schematic for the Harding Avenue widening (to permit left-turn pockets) between 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and at 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue (at the two freeway on-ramps) and described the backing of traffic at those intersections. He made the points that the pavement widening would be within the City's right-of-way, stressing that the left turn pockets were needed for traffic flow, that the power poles would be moved, that it was possible that widening would occur on both sides, and that two lanes would be maintained throughout the construction process. Chair Narita asked about drawings showing 5th Avenue with two-way traffic, with Pascual saying that all current traffic flows would be maintained. Matson cautioned about the need to maintain current building access (both pedestrian and vehicles), with Pascual agreeing. Wong asked about the cost and source of funds, with Pascual saying it would be \$1.2 million from the City and Kikuchi saying the funding would be generally from federal sources (eighty percent federal and twenty percent local project). Wong suggested the funds would be better used for repair and resurfacing of area roadways, with Pascual saying these federal funds are available for this use and could not be used for resurfacing. Wong said the area roads need repair and lights need synchronization and that this project is not a priority, with Chair Narita saying that this project is for improvements and not for road repair. Wong said she would like for the DTS to attend a future meeting to discuss needed area roadway projects. Waialeale said that the ramp was inadequate (the stop light should be removed) and the whole area should be redesigned, with Kikuchi saying that the H-1 Freeway is under State control and they would have to take up that project, and Waialeale saying the City could share the project with the State. **Chair Narita noted the discussion time had expired and, with no objections, continued the discussion.** Cain questioned the extent of the problem, pointing out that he uses the on-ramps and hadn't noticed concerns, with Pascual reporting traffic studies bring up examples of even one car blocking the intersection causing an extension of 23 cars and that the project will include synchronization of these lights. Cain repeated that he didn't experience a problem when he traveled with Pascual reporting that DTS had received complaints about the blockages occurring at all hours. Drown commented on the adjacent private schools and the possible disruptions, with Pascual agreeing but saying that these presentations (last month here and this evening's) were the first and the most preliminary and that DTS would be working with the schools. Chair Narita suggested that future presentations put emphasis on explaining the need for improvements. Matson discussed the level of service, referencing alphabetical levels (A to F), with Pascual saying the current categories were "D" level in the mornings, with Matson commenting that none were even ranked "C" and saying she

supports the project. She commented that the Board was used to reviewing environmental assessments (EA) and seeing project needs and details and expressed hope that a rail transit line would not be routed along Harding Avenue. Wong said that at the last meeting she had wanted to see drawings including lines of entry to existing buildings and that she was glad DTS had returned. Chang also discussed future presentations and suggested more information and explains of how the bulb outs will improve the traffic flow. Chair Narita thanked Pascual and DTS and invited them to return as the project proceeds.

**Representative Calvin Say** – Speaker Say distributed a report on legislation passed by the recently concluded legislative session and a community report, from which he highlighted legislation on renewable energy, agriculture and open space and environmental protection issues. He also noted the June 23, 2008 deadline for gubernatorial notification of potential vetoes and July 8, 2008 as the day when unsigned passed legislation becomes law without gubernatorial signature. Matson thanked Say for his efforts in the passage of a funded position (\$100,000 item) for a noise monitoring official to be located at the Honolulu Airport, explaining that the Senate had denied the item but that the House and Speaker Say had fought for the position that is to work with \$1.9 million in federally funded noise monitoring instruments (monitoring pilots accommodation of noise abatement rules). Say also noted that others had supported the effort, including House Transportation Vice-Chair Nishimoto. Wong expressed thanks for the transportation position and asked about voting on homeless issue projects, with Say reporting that homeless shelter residents were not in support of the proposed \$20 million legislation and that the bill lacked the specifics (especially sites) necessary to have project funding. Harden also asked about the homeless project bill, with Say adding that the legislation would have generally allowed for a homeless shelter to be established on any State property, and offering as an example the Leahi State Hospital site, pointing out that the infrastructure and community resources might not be appropriate, but that it would be permissible in the overly-broad language of the proposal. Matson asked about a Sand Island site, referring to possible development of a race track on DLNR lands, with Say referring those types of questions to Russ Saito, noting that the Sand Island site might not have adequate public access in the form of county bus service. Lockett asked about transportation access, with Say stressing that a bus response needs to come from the City. Lockett and Wong noted the need for continuing attention to homeless issues. Chair Narita thanked Say for his report.

**Kapahulu Bible Church After School Program Proposal** – Jim Stern and Ezekiel Chandra represented the Kapahulu Bible Church and presented a concept to develop a drop-in after-school program (for grades 6 and 7 from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at the existing church facility with the intention of providing a safe spot for school-age youth to congregate, study and play. Stern explained the program proposal includes health snacks, activities, games, homework and grew from observing middle-school kids hanging out with skateboards. He reported support from the community including Representative Nishimoto and the principals of area schools, parents, and the church. He reported the church's establishment in 1952 included outreach to the community, with this project fitting the mission of church, that the anticipated start would be August 1, 2008 and would be accomplished with a team of managers from the church (probably one position as full-time and two part-time workers). He added that the size was aimed at less than twenty, generally all within doors, that the adjoining street is not a busy one and the cost would be \$55 a month. Chair Narita explained that the Board did not need to take a position as the project only requires that the community have no strong objections which could be reflected in the minutes. **Berlin moved that the Board take a position that it has no objection to the project.** Cain noted Micronesian children in the community and asked if any groups were being targeted, with Stern saying that the intent is only to provide a safe spot for school kids, with the only targeting being those ones had been there before with their skateboards. Cain and Stern discussed that students who are not in sports are sometimes not targeted with after-school activities and Wong saying she applauded the effort, saying most current programs are for young children. Chair Narita reported that he had heard no Board objections to the project. **Wong moved for the Board to support the project.** Chair Narita repeated that the Board had no objections to the Kapahulu Bible Church project. Matson said she commended the Church leadership for their efforts.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS:** Chair Narita asked for community concerns, with the following being reported:

1. Honolulu Rapid Transit Issues – Murai expressed support for the transit ballot petition and encouraged those present to sign.

Member Chang left at 8:50 p.m.; fourteen members present.

2. Paki Hale Repairs – Berlin reported her prior Paki Hale-area step concerns (steps, handrails and lighting) and suggested the Board consider writing a letter, with Chair Narita asking for the Mayor's Office to follow up.
3. Postage Increase – Miller reminded everyone of the first class postage increase to 42 cents.
4. Mother's Day – Matson wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.
5. Waikiki Shell Drinking – Drown mentioned problems with community public drinking before and after a Shell event, with Chair Narita reporting prior discussion of the issue.
6. Kapiolani Park/Beach Commercial Use – Matson and Cain reported a surf school's dry land training, with Chair Narita explaining the issue had been reported on by HPD, Cain adding it was also a DLNR issue and Wong saying the issue would be in the May 2008 Minutes.

**Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes for April 10, 2008** – Chair Narita asked for corrections or action to the April 10, 2008 Meeting Minutes. Matson asked for the draft minutes to be distributed prior to publication in order that corrections might be incorporated prior to general distribution. Chair Narita said that the plan for the future would be for draft distribution to the Vice Chairs, with documents such as the legislative highlights to be scanned and available on request. **Egged moved and Waialeale seconded to approve the April 10, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes.** Wong said she would like to review the draft electronically, with Chair Narita discussing that Secretary Miller serves as the primary reviewer and that written corrections could be forwarded to the Commission Office. Matson said she had corrections for the Office. Wong said the corrections forwarded to the Commission Office were not on file like they are said to be as they could not find them at a recently past Commission meeting. **Chair Narita asked for a vote and declared the April 10, 2008 Minutes were approved 10-1-3.** **Aye:** Allen, Berlin, Cain, Drown, Egged, Lockett, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale. **Nay:** Wong. **Abstain:** Harden, Matson, Miller.

**Extension of Meeting Time** – Chair Narita noted that, if there was no Board opposition, the meeting time would be extended to include additional agenda items; **Chair Narita declared the meeting extended unanimously 14-0-0.** **Aye:** Allen, Berlin, Cain, Drown, Egged, Harden, Lockett, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale, Wong.

**Neighborhood Road Maintenance and Repair Resolution** – Chair Narita said there was new information on roadway issues.

**State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) / 548 Kapahulu Avenue Task Force Issue** – Representative Nishimoto reported DLNR Director Thielen's recommendation for reconsideration to permit a commercial parking lot, with Senator Ihara's and his intention to discuss and prepare the businesses to accept the project and then to involve the community. Waialeale noted the \$80,000 rental charge, with Nishimoto discussing with Waialeale and Lockett that the Prudential had done an appraisal and discussed the lease, and replying to Cain that the parking lot plan was for a non-metered, attendant lot, used by Prudential employees during the day and arraigned for Kapahulu business use in the evening, but stressing that the final arraignment would be up to Prudential. Matson noted that a high rise parking structure would be possible, with Nahoopii asking about a structure for the whole site, and with Nishimoto saying he would relay suggestions but that Prudential was not intending to do a building. Nahoopii said she was referring to the smaller lot (next to the tree) with Nishimoto cautioning that Prudential could be out-bid so that any suggestions would go to the lease holder. Chair Narita agreed that there was speculation but that only Prudential had expressed serious interest in the ten-year lease, with Nishimoto stressing the commercial restriction. Chair Narita noted

the Board was deferring to Nishimoto and Ihara to follow up with the issue, although Ihara was suggesting a need for a Board position of support, with Nishimoto saying action wasn't necessary but that DLNR was expecting that Ihara and he would be following up with the Board and with Prudential. **Chair Narita asked for Board objections for the Task Force continuing to be responsive to the 548 Kapahulu Avenue issue, and hearing no objections, declared Board support for the 548 Kapahulu Task Force 14-0-0. Aye:** Allen, Berlin, Cain, Drown, Egged, Harden, Lockett, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale, Wong.

**Kapiolani Regional Park Master Plan Update** – No update.

**Skateboard Task Force** – No update.

**Revised Neighborhood Plan 2007 Update** – Chair Narita reported the Neighborhood Commission approved the proposed changes to the current Neighborhood Plan.

**Council Resolution 07-379 regarding amending the City Charter to place limits on Neighborhood Board terms** – Chair Narita reported the board took a position in opposition at the last meeting.

**Bicycle Lanes – Charter Amendment 8** – No update.

**Task Force – Rail Transit Corridor Public Infrastructure Map Symbols (Transit Stations.); Kapiolani Community College (KCC) Culinary Institute at Diamond Head Environmental Assessment** – Matson reported submittal to the City's Department of Planning and Permitting a response from the Board on transit station symbols and a Task Force meeting planned for May 16, 2008. **Chair Narita asked for Board objections for the Task Force continuing to be responsive to Rail Transit Corridor Public Infrastructure Map Symbols (Transit Stations) or for the KCC Culinary Institute (at Diamond Head) issues, and hearing no objections, declared Board support for the Task Force 14-0-0. Aye:** Allen, Berlin, Cain, Drown, Egged, Harden, Lockett, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale, Wong. Cain noted that he was aware that some members supported and some were opposed to issues and stressed the need for balance on the Task Force. Chair Narita noted the original assignment had been for the Board's Vice Chairs/Sub-District Chairs, with Matson agreeing that no one had been excluded and Chair Narita appointing Cain to the Task Force, with Matson agreeing and noting that Miller had been at a prior meeting. Matson noted a response had been sent in for the Culinary Institute. **Chair Narita noted that no formal request had been received but in the interests of reviewing of time-sensitive materials like environmental assessments, asked if there was any objections to Neighborhood Commission staff opening of mail addressed for the Board and hearing no objections, declared Board authorization to open mail 14-0-0. Aye:** Allen, Berlin, Cain, Drown, Egged, Harden, Lockett, Matson, Miller, Nahoopii, Narita, Persons, Waialeale, Wong. Chair Narita announced that the Kapiolani Regional Park Master Plan Update Final Environmental Assessment was due in three weeks and that the Diamond Head antennas issues were consolidated with the Task Force. Matson asked about a time frame for the antennas with Chair Narita reporting that a time had not been set.

**Announcements** – Matson announced a planned Diamond Head Visitor Orientation Center meeting with Governor Lingle, Chair Narita, Egged, and Matson within the next week. Chair Narita announced the next Board meeting for June 12, 2008 at the regular Ala Wai Golf Clubhouse meeting site.

**Adjournment** – Chair Narita noted no additional business and, with no objections, announced that the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by Elwin Spray, Neighborhood Commission Office staff