



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

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**DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2013  
ALA WAI CLUBHOUSE**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Linda Wong called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. **A quorum was not established with seven (7) members present.** (Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.) Anyone wishing to speak is asked to raise his/her hand, and when recognized by the Chair, address comments to the Chair. Speakers are encouraged to keep their comments under two (2) minutes each, so all Board members will have an opportunity to comment. If a Board member has a conflict of interest, he/she should declare it before a vote is taken. This does not necessarily bar members from voting. All members of the Board and community are to display proper order and decorum during Neighborhood Board meetings. The Board will have a non-confrontational meeting.

Members Present - Julia Allen, Victoria Mathieu, Michelle Matson, Barbara Miller, Bertha Naho'opi'i, Lance Takenaka (arrived at 7:22 p.m.), George West, and Linda Wong.

Members Absent - Michael Cain, Lee Manfredi, Bert Narita, Don Persons, Laura St. Denis, Bryn Villers and George Waialeale.

Vacancies - There are no vacancies.

Guests - Attorney General David Louie (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Senator Les Ihara, Jr.; State House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, State Representative Scott Nishimoto and Kevan Wong (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office staff), State Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Walea Constantinau (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Honolulu Film Office), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarret Yip (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff), Micah Munekata (Councilmember Stanley Chang's Office staff), Fire Fighter Corey Apo (Honolulu Fire Department); Acting Lieutenant Antone Pacheco, Jr. and Sergeant Cary Okimoto (Honolulu Police Department, District 6), Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane, Sergeant Maile Nguyen and Officer Shane Fujitani (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Barbra Armentrout; Diane Reece and Ange Doi (CFS); Mike Palcic (HIRA), Stephen Enos, Daisy Murai, Rick Egged (Waikiki Improvement Association), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS**

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - Fire Fighter Corey Apo reported the following:

- May 2013 Statistics - There were a total of 184 calls; 1 fire call, 109 medical/rescue emergencies, 2 hazardous conditions, 5 service calls, 51 good intent calls and 16 false alarms. There were no unusual incidents.
- Fire Safety Tips - As summer is approaching, the risk of wildland fires increases. Make a 30-foot wide fire break by clearing vegetation and clutter around all structures. If the property borders an area where a wildland fire could occur, consider the need for fire department access, in case the fire approaches one's home. Have an emergency preparedness plan available. Consider the route one would take and other preparations in case one needs to evacuate.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 6, Waikiki (Beat 662) - Acting Lieutenant Antone Pacheco, Jr. reported the following:

- May 2013 Statistics - There were 0 robberies, 1 burglary, 16 thefts, 4 assaults, 0 motor vehicle thefts, 4 criminal property damages, 10 liquor law violations, 13 motor vehicle collisions (MVC), 26 arguments/family-non family and 6 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (JEMV).
- Chronic Complaints - There were:

| LIQUOR VIOLATIONS | Citations |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Sidewalks         | 8         |
| Beach Areas       | 14        |



| TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS               | Citations |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Speeding Violations              | 36        |
| Electronic Devices (Cell phones) | 76        |
| Parking Lots                     | 42        |

Comments followed: Homeless in the Park - A longtime Leahi Avenue resident mentioned that since the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) conference, there have been a growing number of homeless people at Paki Park and Queen Kapi'olani Garden. The situation has become a public safety and health issue. There were reports of break-ins, domestic arguments and unattended children. Acting Lieutenant Pacheco advised the resident to continually call 911, as the community are the "eyes and ears" for the HPD. Callers may request to remain anonymous. Acting Lieutenant Pacheco mentioned that HPD is stepping up checks and enforcement. Chair Wong asked about the Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR) that was sent by a City Council member. A commander responded that HPD will step up enforcement of Park closure hours at 10:00 p.m., but during the day the public is allowed to use the park. The officer will talk with Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) to step up the cleaning of the park. HPD, business people and the City are working on long-term solutions. Call 911 and HPD will respond. Chair Wong requested follow up on the Request for Investigation and Service Report (RISR), which was supposed to be reported tonight. The commander will follow up. Board member Matson mentioned the tents on the curbs on Paki Avenue and that the homeless move into the park after park closure. The commander will follow up. The Kapiolani Park Trust has its own provisions regarding trespassing. All parties have to get involved.

Takenaka arrived at 7:22 p.m.; **a quorum was established with eight (8) members present.**

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 7 - Officer Shane Fujitani distributed the written report and Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane highlighted the following:

- May 2013 Statistics - There were 12 burglaries, 1 robbery, 35 thefts, and 14 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV).
- Safety Tip - The safety tips were on Hurricane Preparedness and a list of shelters was provided.
- Community Policing Team - The officers were listed with their contact information.

Comments followed:

1. Kanaina Street - Secretary Victoria Mathieu mentioned that there were people "hanging out" on Kanaina Street, which is in HPD, District 6. Sergeant Maile Nguyen explained the boundaries of District 6 and District 7. Mathieu wanted to report people sleeping overnight and doing drugs. District 6 will follow up.
2. St. Louis Heights - Drivers are frightened by skateboarders on the road. If drivers can call 911, then call Lieutenant Sukekane with notify the watches to watch for them.
3. Knife Attack - Board member Miller saw a news item about a fight involving a knife used as a weapon. Lieutenant Sukekane was not aware of this event and he will have to check with the Criminal Investigations Division to see what information can be released. Officer Fujitani will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - There was no representative present and no report was available.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS: There were none.

#### OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Attorney General David Louie reported the following:

- Governor's Report - The Economy - The Governor is happy to report that the state economy is strong and appears to be getting stronger. The state Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) is predicting steady growth for Hawaii's economy through next year, outpacing the national growth rate. The state Council on Revenues revised forecast reaffirmed the council's previous General Fund tax revenue projection for growth of eight (8) percent (%) in 2014 and then seven (7) % in 2015. Those compounded increases would mean \$86 million additional revenue over the next biennium. The Abercrombie Administration is continuing to invest in capital improvement projects (CIPs) across the state that further strengthen Hawaii's economy and the state's unemployment rate is "down." It is to 4.9 percent in April, down from 5.1 percent in March 2012 and 6.1 percent in April 2012.)
- Bill Review - Governor Abercrombie is continuing to review the bills passed by the 2013 Legislature. As mentioned last month, he wants to hear from the public. Governor Abercrombie has until July 9, 2013 to sign the bills, but must notify the Legislature of potential vetoes by June 24, 2013.

- Senate Bill (SB) 1171 - The bill allows for "phasing" of islandwide highway projects, so that State and Federal laws are compatible. Archaeological Inventory Surveys (AIS) still must be done, but now, they can be done "in phases," instead of all at once. This law does not apply to the rail project, but to highways.
- Senate Bill (SB) 237, the "21st Century Schools" Bill - Attorney General Louie has relayed the concerns about the bill and Jefferson School to the Governor's team. The bill proposes three projects, which properties have not been chosen yet and public input will still be sought in the process of choosing. Also, after the properties are chosen by the Department of Education (DOE), there will be more public hearings.
- Homelessness - Attorney General Louie has met with the Mayor's team and they are working together on this issue. As far as Kapi'olani Park, it is very clear that there is no camping overnight and it is enforceable by HPD. There are court cases which allow the homeless to occupy public spaces, like the sidewalks, to exercise their First Amendment rights of freedom of speech. Homelessness is not a crime. There are generally three types of people who are homeless: the "libertarians," the working poor, and the mentally ill. The first and third groups are not responsive to offers of help. Attorney General Louie advises the public to call the HPD.

Comments followed:

1. Kapi'olani Park Trust (KPT) - Board member Matson mentioned that the sidewalks and Kapi'olani Park are under the Kapi'olani Park Trust (KPT) and the trespass laws can be enforced. Attorney General Louie clarified that he was talking about the sidewalks in Waikiki.
2. Shelters - The Ninth (9th) Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that in Los Angeles, the government could not "sweep" the homeless off the streets without providing shelters for them. Mayor Caldwell is trying to get shelters set up in Waikiki. There are reports of problems at existing shelters and execution could be better.
3. More Revenue - Board member Mathieu asked and it was clarified by Attorney General Louie that there is more commerce and business activity, not more taxes.
4. "21st Century Schools" - Attorney General Louie will follow up on how the Department of Education (DOE) will choose the school projects and ask for public input.
5. "Phasing" - In the long run, it should save money. Adjustments can be made along the way.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara reported the following:

- Confirmation Session - The Senate may re-convene to confirm a Maui Circuit Court judge.
- Mandatory Retirement - A Hawai'i Supreme Court judge will be 70 years old next March 2014.
- "21st Century Schools" - Senator Ihara promised that if any of the district schools, like Jefferson Elementary School, are selected by the DOE, he will get involved. Senator Ihara noted that he was the only Senator to vote against the Public Lands Development Corporation (PLDC).
- "Phasing" Bill - Senator Ihara supports the repeal of the "Phasing" bill. He has concerns, like the PLDC.
- 200-foot Limit - The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is receiving projects, asking for height-limits exceeding the 200-foot limit. It will be an uphill battle to limit heights of buildings, as there are more supporters for development in the House than in the Senate. There were nine (9) Senators against the HCDA, but 13 are needed. Nine (9) Senators are needed to pull a bill out of a committee. The Chair must reflect the majority of the committee. The HCDA was created in the Governor George Ariyoshi years. They are autonomous and make their own rules.

House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say - Representative Bert Kobayashi distributed House Speaker Emeritus Say's newsletter.

State Representative Scott Nishimoto - Representative Nishimoto reported the following:

- Annual Chicken Sale - The Kapahulu Senior Center Annual Chicken and Sushi Sale will be on Saturday, June 15th, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 3410 Campbell Avenue. The whole chicken will cost \$9.00 each.
- Mid-Session Community Meeting - It was for newer Representatives and Representative Nishimoto let Representative Bert Kobayashi do it. The House website has the schedule of community meetings.

State Representative Bert Kobayashi - Representative Kobayashi reported the following:

- Community Meetings - Representative Kobayashi hosted last week's community meeting on June 5, 2013. The House leadership attended along with many freshmen Representatives.
- Bills - Representative Kobayashi mentioned that his newsletter highlighted bills that passed and failed.
- Budget - The Legislature passed a bigger budget, but it was smaller than the Governor's budget, by \$250 million.

State Senator Sam Slom - Julia Allen distributed Senator Slom's newsletter and reported the following:

- Lawsuit Against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) - Senator Slom is a party to a lawsuit filed against the IRS for targeting conservative groups.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Neighborhood Assistant Ho distributed the Mayor's City News and Walea Constantinau reported the following:

- TheBus Route 13 - The changes to Route 13 will be restored in August 2013.
- Road Repairs - The Mayor is continuing to push for road repairs.
- Housing First - Mayor Caldwell launched his "Housing First" Plan to help the chronically homeless.
- The Natatorium - A Memorial Beach is planned for the Waikiki War Memorial Natatorium.
- BWS/Department of Environmental Services (ENV) Billing - Board member Narita was concerned that BWS billing will adversely affect the billing of sewer fees. Narita thought that BWS fees are estimated. Any adjustment to water consumption (increase/decrease) will have a corresponding adjustment to sewer fees (consumption portion). Water consumption does not affect BWS billing/service charge nor does it affect the sewer base charge.
- Traffic Counters on St. Louis Drive - Department of Transportation Services (DTS) has not issued any permits for placement of traffic counters along St. Louis Drive. DTS personnel went out to St. Louis Drive and did not find any type of traffic counters along the roadway.
- Pedestrian Safety At The Crosswalks By The Kapahulu Safeway - DTS will conduct an investigation, which may require research, site inspections, field assessments, collision history and traffic data analysis, when school is back in full session, to get an accurate assessment. DTS will report back to the Board in September 2013.
- Street Lighting on Kapahulu and Campbell Avenues - The Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) has no work order to retrofit existing streetlights on Kapahulu and Campbell Avenues with lower-wattage streetlights. Concerns related to illumination levels should be forwarded to the Department of Design and Construction.
- White Bins at the Schools - The white bin drop-off program was phased out in favor of a more progressive recycling center model. HI-5 redemption centers now accept the full range of recyclables. The public can redeem their deposits for HI-5 beverage containers and drop off other types of materials for recycling, including glass bottles and jars, newspaper, office paper, and plastics #1 and #2. There are "HI-5 plus" redemption centers in most areas of Oahu, and more are coming online. See Recycling Centers on the city's website at [www.opala.org](http://www.opala.org) for a list and interactive mapping of these sites.  
Schools are adopting this new recycling center model as well. Stevenson Middle School, Keolu Elementary, Kawanānakoā Middle School are among a handful of new sites on which a private recycling company is investigating the operation of a staffed "HI plus" redemption center, active during weekends. This new model of school-based locations has the potential to raise funds for school programs, provide recycling of the school's material, and serve as a one-stop recycling option for the surrounding community. The DOE is supportive of school property being used for community recycling, but would prefer this model over the unmanned drop-off bins.
  - ◇ School parking lots can be utilized on weekends to support "HI-5 plus" recycling centers for the community.
  - ◇ The community could opt to donate their HI-5s to the school at these "HI-5 plus" sites on school campuses.
  - ◇ The sites would be manned avoiding the problems of theft and vandalism with unmanned bins.
  - ◇ If needed, collection service for school campus recyclables could be included.
  - ◇ The financial funding for the HI-5 redemption operation supports the recycling center, and there would be no cost to the school or the City.

Additionally, the City's Recycling Branch continues to assist schools with HI-5 fundraising events, including provision of collection containers, banners and recycling company service contacts. More information is available online at [opala.org](http://opala.org) in the Learning Center.

Comments followed:

1. Timeline for the Pilot Project - As the projects progress at a few schools, they will expand.
2. Darker on Campbell Avenue - Although residents are still reporting dimmer street lighting on Campbell Avenue, DFM has no work order to have changed them.
3. Traffic Counters - Senator Ihara mentioned that if DTS did not issue any permits, then it was an illegal operation.

4. Hawaiian Telephone - Resident Daisy Murai thanked the City for fixing her prior complaint and now wanted to report a bigger problem at 3514 Leahi Avenue, where the sidewalk has needed to be fixed for over a year. The steel rebar rods are sticking out over one inch and pose a safety hazard. Constantinou will follow up.
5. 3071 Puulei Circle - Chair Wong mentioned the uneven sidewalk at 3071 Pualei Circle (about two (2) inches). Chair Wong said she has brought this up several months ago and has not seen any action. Constantinou will follow up.
6. Lifeguard Station by the Natatorium - The lifeguard substation was not for Administration, but the first responders are looking for a training facility, whether in Kakaako or in Waikiki. The new Administration has made no decisions yet, as the Natatorium's future is also in flux. Board members clarified what happened at the February 14, 2013 regular monthly meeting.

City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Jarret Yip distributed the newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi reported the following:

- City Budget - Last week the City Council passed the budget without raising taxes or fees. The City Council passed a lot of money for non-profits, which sparked a fight with the Mayor.
- Restoration of TheBus Service - Route No. 5, which serves Manoa, was restored only in the mornings from 55 minutes to 30 minutes between buses. Route No. 14 was restored in March 2013.
- Sewer Projects - There will be sewer projects on St. Louis Drive and Date Street.
- Parks - Councilmember Kobayashi favors playground equipment for adults.

Comments followed:

1. Playground Equipment For Adults - It was suggested to talk with Clark Hatch Fitness Centers.
2. Complete Streets - This DTS initiative is for cars, three (3)-wheeled bikes, pedestrians and bicyclists.

City Councilmember Stanley Chang - Micah Munekata distributed Councilmember Stanley Chang's newsletter and reported the following:

- No Pay Raises - Resolution 13-88 passed. Resolution 13-88 rejected the portion of the Salary Commission's report that would increase the salaries of the Council Chair and Councilmembers. Councilmember Chang voted for the measure stating: "At this time I find it difficult to accept a pay raise during this fragile economic period when many of our residents face layoffs, an uncertain job market, and cost increases in our daily lives."
- Increased Enforcement - The State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will have increased enforcement of trespassers.
- Diamond Head Cliff Clean Up - The Diamond Head Cliff Clean Up will be on Saturday, June 15, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
- Paki Park - The HPD will follow up.
- Zoo Parking Lot - It was mentioned that there was a need for better lighting on the mauka end of the Zoo parking lot, due to safety concerns and crimes being committed.

## PRESENTATIONS

Child & Family Service Shelter Rental - Diane Reece mentioned that the Child & Family Service has been operating the shelter since 1981. The lease renewal comes up every five (5) years in August 2013. One of the requirements is that they come before the Neighborhood Board to educate the public about the program. The location of the shelter is a secret and neighbors look out for them. They provide safety and services for families up to 90 days. The next step is to make a presentation to the City Council.

Comments followed:

1. Kokua - Board member Mathieu offered her help.
2. Clarifications - Board member Miller asked for more information. Reece mentioned that the shelter is a two-story facility with eight (8) rooms for privacy. The average number of people, including children is 20, but a few years ago, they had 40. There are four (4) shelters on O'ahu and one is in Kapahulu. Confidentiality is for safety.

Waikiki 20/20 Plan Survey Interview - Rick Egged, President, Waikiki Improvement Association and former Neighborhood Board member presented the following:

- Deadline - The comment deadline is June 14, 2013, but he will extend it to the end of the month.

- Waikiki 20/20 - It was a conference in 2012 that looked at the changes in Waikiki for the last 20 years and looked at the changes 20 years in the future. Over \$3 billion dollars was spent over the last 10 years by the private sector to improve Waikiki. \$100 million was spent by the City to improve the beaches, sewer, streets and sidewalks. He had a survey for Board members. His PowerPoint presentation was available digitally upon request.

The rest of the agenda was deferred to the next meeting.

ADOPTION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Catherine Edwards, Neighborhood Commission Office staff

Reviewed by: Victoria Mathieu Secretary