



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

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013** **ALA WAI CLUB HOUSE**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Linda Wong called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **A quorum was established with eight (8) members present.** (Note - This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.) Chair Wong continued with mentioning that anyone wishing to speak is asked to raise his/her hand, and when recognized by the Chair, address comments to the Chair. All members of the Board and community are to display proper order and decorum during Neighborhood Board meetings.

Members Present - Julia Allen, Barbra Armentrout, Lee Manfredi (appointed at this meeting), Victoria Mathieu, Barbara Miller, Bert Narita, Don Persons, Laura St. Denis (arrived at 6:50 p.m.), Bryn Villers (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), George Waialeale (arrived at 6:39 p.m.), George West, and Linda Wong.

Members Absent - Michelle Matson, Bertha Naho'opi'i, and Lance Takenaka.

Vacancies - There is one (1) vacancy in Subdistrict 1.

Guests - Attorney General David Louie (Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative), Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Senator Sam Slom, State House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Kevan Wong (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office staff), Walea Constantinou (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), Firefighter Corey Apo (Honolulu Fire Department), Lieutenant Dien Shearer and Sergeant Henry Lee (Honolulu Police Department, District 6), Lieutenant Allan Nagata and Sergeant Susan Medeiros (Honolulu Police Department, District 7), Justin Kessler (Board of Water Supply), Peter Young, Daisy Murai, Mike Palcic (HIRA), Kerrie Villers, and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

Bryn Villers arrived at 6:31 p.m.; **nine (9) members present.**

George Waialeale arrived at 6:39 p.m.; **10 members present.**

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 1 (St. Louis Heights) (Due to the resignation of Board member Michael Cain): Lee Manfredi offered to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1. Manfredi was a former Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 member. **Narita nominated Manfredi to fill the vacancy.** No second required. There were no other nominations. Narita alleged that prior to the meeting, there were violations to the Sunshine Law, as votes were being solicited for Lee Manfredi's candidacy. Narita supported the nomination of Manfredi, because she represented a segment of the community not represented in the St. Louis Heights Community Association, the high-rise dweller. **As there were no other nominations, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 APPOINTED Lee Manfred to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Mathieu, Miller, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong).**

OATH OF OFFICE: Neighborhood Assistant Ho administered the Oath of Office to Lee Manfredi. Manfredi filled the vacancy; **11 members present.**

ANNOUNCEMENT: Chair Wong announced that last month the Board decided to start the meeting at 6:30 p.m. and to conduct Board Business before the Public Safety reports at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 14, APRIL 11, JUNE 13, and JULY 11, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Mathieu wanted to correct the May 2013 minutes by correcting the date of the Race for the Cure race. Chair Wong asked Mathieu to wait until later in the agenda.



Miller moved and Narita seconded to approve the March 2013, April 2013, June 2013, and July 2013 minutes as written by the Neighborhood Assistant and Secretary. Villers moved and Narita seconded to amend the motion to remove "June 13, 2013 minutes" from the previous motion. The motion was ADOPTED, 10-1-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Manfredi, Mathieu, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: Miller).

Villers moved and Persons seconded to accept the March, April and July 2013 minutes as written by the Neighborhood Assistant and Secretary. The motion was ADOPTED, 11-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Manfredi, Mathieu, Miller, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong). Villers moved and Persons seconded to accept the June 2013 minutes as circulated. The motion was ADOPTED, 10-0-1 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Manfredi, Mathieu, Miller, Narita, Persons, Waialeale, West, and Wong; ABSTAIN: Villers).

APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Mathieu moved and Persons seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 accepts the February 14, 2013 minutes as written by the Neighborhood Assistant and Secretary and amended by Michelle Matson. The motion was ADOPTED, 9-0-2 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Manfredi, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; ABSTAIN: Mathieu and Miller).

At 6:50 p.m. St. Denis arrived at the meeting. **12 members present.**

APPROVAL OF THE MAY 9, 2013 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES: Narita moved and West seconded to accept the May 9, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected by Michelle Matson. Discussion followed. Chair Wong relinquished the Chair's gavel to Vice Chair West. Wong mentioned that Deputy Attorney General Hugh R. Jones may have made some misstatements, but the Board did not correct what he said at the meeting. Wong suggested that instead of correcting him in the minutes that the Board write a letter to Jones mentioning the corrections. Narita agreed that out of courtesy to the Deputy Attorney General Jones, he should be informed of the corrections and that the Board should look at his responses before voting on the May 2013 minutes. Chair Wong will work with Narita to write the letter. **Waialeale moved and West seconded to defer the May 2013 meeting minutes pending action on the Attorney General issues. The motion was ADOPTED, 9-1-2 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Manfredi, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: Miller; ABSTAIN: Mathieu and St. Denis).** This item was deferred to the next meeting. Mathieu will make the correction about the Komen Race for the Cure under Residents' Concerns.

REPORTS

Chair's Report - Chair Wong appointed Barbra Armentrout to be the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 alternate representative to the Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) meetings. Chair Wong also mentioned that she had a lot of correspondence, but it would take too long to read them all. Chair Wong started to read a letter from the Diamond Head International Music Festival and Conference. Narita alleged that all of the communications were not listed on the agenda and therefore, cannot be mentioned. Chair Wong will read the letter under Residents' Concerns.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

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

- July 2013 Statistics - There were 9 fires, 107 medical/rescue emergencies, 5 hazardous conditions (including fuel spills from automobiles), 3 service calls, 60 good intent calls, and 15 false alarms for a total of 199 calls.
- Fire Safety Tips - Electrical Home Appliances - Have electrical work done by a qualified electrician. Plug only one major heat-producing appliance into a receptacle outlet at a time. Plug major appliances directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and power strips should not be used. Check electrical cords to make ensure they are not placed across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use only.

Comments followed:

1. Certified Electrician - Firefighter Apo confirmed for Mathieu that a certified electrician must be used. Waialeale added that he believed that a licensed electrician must be used. Firefighter Apo will follow up and report back next month which type of electrician must be used.
2. Accessing the Roof of a Restaurant to do Graffiti - Manfredi had taken pictures of graffiti and trash in the area. A restaurant owner was concerned about vandals accessing the roof and starting a fire. Firefighter

Apo deferred to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). Firefighter Apo mentioned that if the vandals go up on the roof with the intent to start a fire, they will start a fire. Criminal activities should be referred to the Honolulu Police Department (HPD).

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) District 6, Waikiki (Beat 662 - Kapi'olani Park area) - Lieutenant Dien Shearer reported the following:

- July 2013 Statistics - There were 3 robberies, 1 burglary, 18 theft cases (mostly beach thefts), 4 assaults, 0 motor vehicle thefts, 6 criminal property damage citations, 7 liquor law violations, 12 motor vehicles were stolen, 25 arguments/family-non family, and 4 car break-ins (unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle or UEMV).
- Chronic Complaints - There were 19 citations issued for loud mufflers; 138 citations for electronic mobile devices (cell phones); 63 citations for speeding, mostly on Monsarrat and Leahi Avenues and some on Ala Wai Boulevard; 17 for failure to yield to pedestrians; 82 pedestrian citations; 74 citations for skateboarding; 63 moped violations; 99 citations for park closure; and 79 citations for bicycles on sidewalks. August is Pedestrian Safety Month and HPD will be enforcing pedestrian violations. Be alert when using the sidewalk and crosswalks.

Comments followed:

1. Crossing on Leahi Avenue - St. Denis is careful while crossing on Leahi Avenue, as many drivers speed there. St. Denis thanked HPD for enforcing speeding violations.
2. Items Blocking the Sidewalks - Waialeale and Mathieu had concerns about items on the sidewalk. Chair Wong mentioned that this was discussed at the last meeting. Lieutenant Shearer mentioned two (2) scenarios - One (1) is where there are "residentially-challenged" individuals putting personal items on the sidewalk. The City Council passed bills, concerning this. The other scenario is a homeowner putting bulky items out early. Lieutenant Shearer will follow up on the rules and report back next month. Waialeale was talking about the planters at Thomas Square. Chair Wong told Waialeale that this item was already discussed at the last meeting. Mathieu had a different concern. The Juice Box had a refrigerator on the sidewalk and there is a bike rack nearby, blocking use of the sidewalk. Lieutenant Shearer advised Mathieu to call 911.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 7, East Honolulu - Chair Wong announced that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 will start at 6:30 p.m. and conduct the Board Business first. The Public Safety reports will start at 7:00 p.m. Lieutenant Allan Nagata mentioned that the written report is at the table at the door and highlighted the following:

- July 2013 Statistics - There were 3 burglaries, 38 thefts, and 9 UEMV.
- Pedestrian Safety Tips - HPD is asking that pedestrians be careful and look both ways before crossing the street. Obey the laws. Motorists are obligated to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. It is better to be safe than sorry. Make eye contact.

Comments followed:

1. Street Signals at St. Louis Dr. and Chaminade University on Wai'ala'e Avenue - Manfredi observed the traffic signals at the two (2) locations. Lieutenant Nagata mentioned that HPD will patrol the area when they can. Manfredi thought that a left turn arrow was warranted. The concern should go to Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
2. Buses Speeding on Campbell Avenue - West noted that the buses are speeding in both directions on Campbell Avenue. Lieutenant Nagata will forward this information on to Oahu Transit Services (OTS).
3. Bus Route 13 - Armentrout noted that when school starts, there will be increased traffic from Route 13 and Route 2 on Campbell Avenue.
4. Countdown Signal - Armentrout mentioned that pedestrians are rushed at the crosswalk by the Midas shop. When the pedestrian enters the crosswalk the white figure is walking, but then it immediately tells them to stop walking, making it difficult to finish crossing in the time given. Lieutenant Nagata will follow up with OTS.
5. Speeding on Hoolulu Street and Winam Avenue - Villers noted that Winam Avenue is supposed to be 15 miles per hour (mph), but motorists are going 30 mph. Lieutenant Nagata will notify patrol officers.
6. Trash - Manfredi reported that there is a lot of trash behind the Fast Greek restaurant on Wai'ala'e Avenue. The property is owned by Dr. Freddie Fong. The debris is rolling down from the parking lot into the stream. Lieutenant Nagata thinks that part of the stream may be under State jurisdiction. Lieutenant Nagata will investigate and report back.

7. Buses Speeding on Campbell Avenue (continued) - Resident Daisy Murai added that there are also trolleys and vans speeding. Lieutenant Nagata will follow up.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Justin Kessler distributed his written report and highlighted the following:

- Main Break Report - There were no main breaks in the district during July 2013.
- Estimated Readings and Reconciled Bills - The Board of Water Supply (BWS) discovered that, since the Department moved to monthly billing, some of the customers have received estimated bills for several months in a row. The standard practice of the BWS is to bill its customers for water usage based on actual meter readings collected from the meter at their property. However, environmental factors (such as weather conditions), physical obstructions, and malfunctioning meter reading equipment, as well as other factors related to the billing process, are some reasons for not securing a meter reading and generating a billing estimate.

As of May 2013, approximately 15-16% of the BWS's customers received multiple estimated bills. Once the BWS recognized the magnitude of customers impacted, the BWS worked immediately to reconcile these bills and reduce the amount of affected customers to 12% in June 2013, and 6% in July 2013. The BWS is trying to lower the amount for this month. The BWS is reviewing all accounts that have been flagged for review to ensure that the customers have been accurately and fairly charged. These customers will receive a letter of explanation and a copy of each recalculated bill for their records. Reconciled bills are being sent to only the customers with multiple estimated bills. For the majority of the customers, the recalculation effort is not necessary.

Some FAQ's have been posted on www.boardofwatersupply.com to provide more information about estimated readings. Customers can call BWS at 748-5030 should they have questions. Due to an unusually high volume of phone calls to the BWS, customers are encouraged to email contactus@hbws.org, mail a letter to, or come to the Customer Care Division at 630 South Beretania Street. Kessler provide two (2) handouts on How to Read Your Meter and Frequently Asked Questions online.

Comments followed: Sewer Fees - Narita clarified that it wasn't so much that the estimated usage was incorrect, as the billing for the water usage is okay, but that the sewer fees are tied to the water usage and the sewer fees kept going up and are not adjustable.

RESIDENTS/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Diamond Head International Music Festival and Conference - Chair Wong read from a letter she received - "Dear Chair Wong, On behalf of the Diamond Head International Music Festival and Conference, we want to inform the Diamond Head Neighborhood Board Members that it is our intention to request from DLNR permission to increase the attendance, not to exceed 18,000 patrons per day. This will allow us to attract "triple A" talent to perform at our event and generate enough revenue for our non-profit partners and will substantially increase monies to the State of Hawaii.
We are currently evaluating possible beneficiaries and there have been several productive meeting with the Polynesian Voyager Society. All indications show we will be moving forward with the Voyager Society. It is also understood that all policies from the recent festivals will be in effect, including shuttling and off premises parking. No patrons will be allowed to park or walk into the Crater.
We would appreciate the reading of this letter at the upcoming Diamond Head Neighborhood Board #5 meeting, August 08, 2013. Warmest Mahalo, Ron Gibson, President Diamond Head International Music Festival and Conference." Chair Wong mentioned that Peter Young, who is affiliated with this event, was in the audience and was available to answer any questions. There were none.
2. Motorcycle and Refrigerator in Front of the Juice Box Bar - As mentioned in the HPD report, Mathieu advised residents to call 911 with the complaint.
3. 19th Race for the Cure - Mathieu mentioned that it will be held on October 20th, 2013 at Kapi'olani Park. This 5K run/1 mile walk starts at 7:00 a.m. The date was corrected from a previous meeting.

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Attorney General David Louie thanked the Board for allowing him to come before the Board and represent the Governor and reported the following:

- Tropical Storm Flossie - Governor Abercrombie was happy that Tropical Storm Flossie was a "fizzle." it gave the State an exercise to examine its emergency procedures for preparedness.

- Economy - The local economy continues to improve. Standard and Poor (S&P) has acknowledged that the policies of the Governor and the Legislature to pay down the unfunded liabilities for government workers' benefits, will give Hawaii a better credit rating and lower interest rates when floating bonds.
- \$75 Million Race to the Top Grant - Previously, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) said it was "at risk." Now, it is in "good standing." With the signing of the teachers' contract and working towards resolution of the teachers' evaluations, the ED recognized this.
- Thank You - The Governor thanked Board members for their service as he recognizes the contributions to Hawai'i.

Comments followed:

1. Height Limit in Kaka'ako - Waialeale was against building a 65-story development in Kaka'ako. The current height limit is 400 to 450 feet and he does not want Hawaii to look like Manhattan (in New York City). Attorney General Louie thought the 690 Pohukaina Street Project may be about 600 feet, but he will note Waialeale's concern. Attorney General Louie continued that the dilemma is to have urban sprawl like Los Angeles or build up the urban core with density and green space. Attorney General Louie will pass on the comments. Mathieu asked about the Governor's plans for "the Second City" (Kapolei). Attorney General Louie responded that that concept has been "on the books" forever and also the Governor is faced with the conflict of height, density, open spaces, and urban sprawl. There are many "shades of gray." Armentrout was at a City Council meeting yesterday at Leeward Community College and noticed Diamond Head. If Kaka'ako is built up, then the tourists cannot see landmarks like Diamond Head and Punchbowl. Attorney General Louie responded that this was a "point well taken."
2. Access to a Business Without Giving Personal Data - Villers asked if it were proper that a business requires the consumer to give out personal data (such as gender, eye color, and the last four digits of the social security number) first. On a personal note, Attorney General Louie does not think that this should be a requirement, but some people do not mind and may want to give out this data. Attorney General Louie is not aware of any law or business that requires disclosure of personal data. Sports Authority may ask for the zipcode or phone number, but Attorney General Louie usually refuses these requests and no one has brought up this issue with him. Villers expanded that he was asking because there is a bill before the City Council to require pawn shops to ask for this information in order to do business. Attorney General Louie did not want to single out pawn shops, but mentioned that they may deal with legitimate clients as well as deal with the "seedier element" such as thieves. It was mentioned that the law may be put into place for metal buyers and metal sellers, who may be the "front" for people who steal the copper wiring from the highways, which creates danger and extra expense. Attorney General Louie supports reasonable regulation in limited situations, where there may be criminal elements. Mathieu asked if regulations would lead to a "slippery slope." Attorney General Louie has studied this on the national and local levels and has concluded that certain information could be asked (but not as intrusive as the examples given) in specific instances, if there is a problem. Attorney General Louie does not necessarily support this for the "run of the mill" normal businesses. Attorney General Louie will relay the Board's observations to the Governor.
3. Third City in Kaka'ako - Chair Wong heard the Governor talking about the Third City, but was very surprised that the Governor would put it in the urban core.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Julia Allen reported that Senator Ihara could not be here, because of a dinner party for his father's birthday.

State Senator Sam Slom - Senator Slom distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

- Thank you - Senator Slom thanked the Board for adhering to the time schedule, as other Neighborhood Boards do not.
- Following the Governor's Representative - Senator Slom can now give "the rest of the story."
 - ◇ The Economy - He has maintained for the last 2 1/2 years that the economy is not turning around and is not improving. People are still suffering. Tourism has single-handedly held up the economy, but it is vulnerable to the foreign outbreak of disease or violence. Senator Slom still calls for the diversification of the economy. In the last month six different national organizations have ranked Hawai'i 49 or 50 in business, worst in the nation.
 - ◇ Board of Water Supply - For the BWS, Senator Slom was one of the first people to "blow the whistle" on changing bi-monthly billing to monthly billing with a \$7.02 administrative fee. People must learn to speak up.
 - ◇ Budget - Senator Slom mentioned the Detroit filing for bankruptcy. Our population is not increasing in taxpayers, but in people, seeking entitlement.

- ◇ Special Session - There was a Special Session to confirm a District Court judge, but not for same-sex marriage. Another Special Session will be to confirm a Circuit Court judge on Maui.
- ◇ Reapportionment - The U.S. District Court has ruled that the military members were not counted (which would affect district boundaries). The decision is on appeal.
- ◇ Rail - The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals will be meeting next Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. (Pacific Daylight-savings Time). It will be on "live streamed" at the Federal Court. In Hawai'i the 11 Federal judges were against the rail going through downtown Honolulu, but they are not part of the case.
- ◇ Privacy versus National Security - Senator Slom does not believe that people have to give up privacy for national security. He introduced a bill on drones, but it did not get a hearing. The military has been using drones, but Senator Slom wants accountability. The use of civilian drones may need discussion.
- ◇ Obamacare - It starts on October 1, 2013, but there are many things wrong in it. There are exemptions for the members of Congress and their staffs. As the Act is based entirely on age, to the other people it means less coverage and more premiums. Hawai'i may not be ready to start on October 1, 2013.
- ◇ University of Hawai'i (UH) - People are still concerned about the high executive salaries and students not graduating in four years, because they cannot get the classes, and now, an assistant coach, an offensive coach, is paid full salary for not coaching. The Chief Procurement Officer, under investigation by Federal and State authorities, is still receiving benefits. The Senate investigated UH last year and made 18 recommendations, which were ignored. Senator Slom offered to drive retiring UH President M.R.C. Greenwood to the airport, but she is staying. The taxpayers will be still paying for her.
- ◇ Kaka'ako - Senator Slom is against the Rail and Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) with high-rise "clustering."

Comments followed:

1. KFC - Waialeale asked why we "lost" KFC. Senator Slom mentioned that we also lost Sizzler's, due to the high cost of doing business in Hawai'i. Local businesses cannot compete with the "Big Box" companies that have the resources to absorb the costs.
2. Popeye's - Chair Wong asked Popeye's to come to the Board and make a presentation. They did not want to come.
3. Koa Ridge - Armentrout asked with all these development plans, where the jobs are for people to pay the mortgages. Senator Slom stated "good question." President Obama has thought about ending Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae and Senator Slom agreed that the Federal government should get out of the mortgage lending business. The development of the west side of O'ahu involves prime agricultural lands. Agriculture is protected by the State Constitution. It seems that the lawmakers are forgetting this.
4. Availability - Senator Slom added that Board member Allen is his "super executive assistant at the Capitol" and can contact him at anytime. His constituency is the whole State of Hawai'i, but he doesn't get too many calls from this area. Senator Slom surmises that it may be because the Neighborhood Board is doing such a good job, besides the refrigerators on the sidewalks.
5. Drones - St. Denis suggested "good" uses of drones for search and rescue over land and sea. Senator Slom responded that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will choose six sites across the U.S. where drone usage will be "heightened" and that there is a company on O'ahu that is able to make drones. Senator Slom wants accountability for the data collected.

House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say - Speaker Emeritus Say distributed the newsletter and reported the following:

- On the Bright Side - Speaker Emeritus Say mentioned that Hawai'i has a low unemployment rate when compared to the national level. A lot of people are working. The Senator is correct that there are some problems.
- ◇ Two (2) House Measures - However, there were two measures that the House passed, but the Senate did not want to address. So, don't lump the House with the Senate and the Senate with the House as a legislative branch.
 1. For the Record - We, the middle class, wished that the Senate would consider passing the Controlling Interest Act, where we lost a great deal of money, when the sale of land is done by stock. Speaker Emeritus Say did not know why the Senate held the bill. He advised to ask the Senators.
 2. The second measure was the sharing of the Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT), giving \$1 million to each of the four (4) counties. We're all in the same canoe. He will not ask City Budget Committee Chair Kobayashi to raise the real property tax for the voters in his district. The losers

are taxpayers. For example, for the sale of Castle and Cook on Lana'i, there was no conveyance tax, because it was by controlling interest in stocks.

- ◇ Workforce, Affordable, or Reserved Housing - Speaker Emeritus Say asked where the Senate was five (5) years ago, when he was House Speaker and he asked for the increase in workforce housing in Kaka'ako to 30% for local residents. It is now 20% by Administrative Rules.
- ◇ Working with the City & County of Honolulu - He is now working for his constituents. When Board member Armentrout asked for help with the bus, Speaker Emeritus Say helped the City find resources instead of increasing property taxes. Now, the City, after exhausting resources, is looking at raising property taxes. Speaker Emeritus Say asked where to put the 20,000 units that the county needs. He respects the Windward side's "Keep the country country," but where is the development going. 38 years ago, when the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) was created, there was a fight between Governor George Ariyoshi and Mayor Frank Fasi over who would control the flood zones of Kaka'ako. Mathieu asked what was wrong with "urban sprawl." Speaker Emeritus Say mentioned the loss of agricultural lands and the recharging of the Pearl Harbor aquifers. He would support the development of the Ewa side, if the Windward side would give more water to the leeward side. Speaker Emeritus Say agrees with Senator Slom lamenting the flight of Hawai'i's young people to other places. He doesn't have all of the answers. In Mapunapuna, the small businesses, previously leasing from the Damon Estate, have been bought out by a Boston Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT). The public workers have been after him to preserve the Employees Retirement System (ERS) and Employers Union Trust Fund (EUTF), or raise taxes. Chair Wong mentioned that the people coming up cannot afford the workforce housing as it is more expensive than around Diamond Head. The 801 South King Street Project is all affordable housing. All the others are market priced. Most of us cannot even put a down payment. Although the various measures were voted down by the Democratic majority in the Senate, Speaker Emeritus Say mentioned that Senator Slom should represent the interest of business with him, for example, the fast tracking of unemployment insurance. Speaker Emeritus Say feels that by 2020 many businesses will not be able to afford the lease rents and the Common Area Maintenance (CAM) fee.
- ◇ Other Areas of House Accomplishments - Speaker Emeritus Say continued that the House was able to preserve half of the Kukui Gardens for the local renters and the other half going to Carmel Properties at market price. The House stopped the housing in Kaka'ako Makai, so that we have Public Access to the Shorelines of Hawai'i or PASH. We are all in the same boat. If one does not want Koa Ridge and development in Kaka'ako, then where will the development go? Speaker Emeritus Say is working with others on the 23% who are delinquent on their debt, so they don't become homeless.

State Senator Les Ihara, Jr. - Senator Ihara arrived and mentioned that Senator Slom reported for him. Waialeale wished his father, Colonel Ihara, a "Happy Birthday!"

State Representative Scott Nishimoto - Kevan Wong from Representative Nishimoto's Office reported the following:

- Kapahulu Center for Seniors Hosts Their Annual Bon Dance - The Kapahulu Center at 3410 Campbell Avenue will be hosting their annual Bon Dance on Saturday, August 24, 2013. The games for the children will start at 4:00 p.m. The Bon Dancing will start at 6:00 p.m. and go to 10:00 p.m.
- Community Clean-Up - The 10th Annual Community Clean-Up will be at the Kaimuki High School parking lot on Saturday, October 19, 2013, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The items to be collected are on the flyer.

State Representative Bert Kobayashi - Representative Kobayashi was not present and no report was available.

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative - Neighborhood Assistant Ho distributed the City News August 2013 issue and Walea Constantinou reported the following:

- The Planters Around Thomas Square and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) - Waialeale had asked about any violations of the ADA. The City attorneys responded that the City is aware of the ADA requirements and has taken great care to ensure that the placement of the planters on the King Street and Beretania Street sidewalks do not violate ADA requirements. Additionally, Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) responded that the maintenance crew regularly trims the hedges so they don't get in the way.
- Update on the Wai'alae Avenue Paving - The St. Louis Community Association members requested an update on the Wai'alae Avenue paving and re-stripping project. The contractor started re-paving Wai'alae Avenue in early June 2013. The work is progressing at a slower pace than anticipated due to unforeseen subsurface conditions and poor weather which temporarily stopped work for several days in June 2013.

The sharrows (shared arrows) will be installed after paving is complete, which is anticipated to be complete by early 2014.

- Bus Route 14 Restoration - Effective August 25, 2013 Mayor Caldwell's plan for restoration of Route 14 service will be completed with the implementation of the current full route service for all off-peak hours, including weekday nights and all day on weekends and holidays. Weekday peak hour service will continue serving only Maunalani and St. Louis Heights.
- Sound System - The NCO will look at purchasing new microphone and/or cords.

Comments followed:

1. Planters and the ADA - Armentrout went to Thomas Square with a tape measure and notified the Mayor to trim back the hibiscus plants to 36 inches, which was done the next day. Waialeale added that he talked with HPD and there is a permit to have the planters, but when a person in a wheelchair wants to travel on the sidewalk no one else can pass. Waialeale feels that the planters should be removed as most of protesters have gone, except on the corner.
2. Concrete under the Light Poles in Front of Yacht Harbor Towers - Armentrout took pictures of the damaged areas and gave the pictures to the Deputy Director of Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM). The concrete has still not been fixed.
3. Crane Park - Waialeale reported that the lights are out at the baseball field.
4. Graffiti and Paving of Wai'alae Avenue - Manfredi was concerned about the City completing projects involving graffiti, paving, and stream cleaning. It was reported that the paving of Wai'alae Road started on the Kahala side at Koko Head Avenue
5. Satellite City Halls - It was reported that there was posting of outdated bus schedules.
6. Speeding - It was reported that there was speeding on Paliuli Street, where the speed limit is 15 miles per hour (mph).
7. Tree Trimmers - There is a need for tree trimmers on Leahi Avenue, at the Community Gardens, and at the Kapiolani Community College (KCC).

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

- City Council Meeting - It was at Leeward Community College (LCC) yesterday. The raises for the Police were an unexpected increase. The Hawaiian Humane Society will decrease services, as the Council will not fund the \$800,000 shortfall. Because of this, the Honolulu Police Department HPD must listen to barking dogs, a job which previously had been done by the Humane Society. \$30 million dollars went to non-profits.

Comments followed:

1. Audit on Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) - The first draft is coming, but it will not be public.
2. Historic Homes Exemption - Manfredi was concerned about many rich people not paying enough taxes. Councilmember Kobayashi mentioned that 20 names were taken off the Historic Homes Exemption list. There are stricter requirements, like providing plaques, costing over \$1,000 and opening the homes to the public once a month.
3. Bus Advertising - Villers suggested private groups sponsoring a bus.

At 8:30 p.m., **Mathieu moved and Villers seconded to extend the meeting ten minutes (to 8:40 p.m.)**

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

- Sidewalks - The sand sweeper is fixed.
- Resolution 13-146 - This urges the City to review its inventory of vacant properties and identify areas suitable for community gardens. The City currently has 11 community gardens; however, constituents report that the existing collection does not sufficiently meet the need for community garden plots. Status: Passed out of Parks Committee on July 16, 2013. Will be heard before full Council on August 7, 2013. St. Denis expressed the need for community gardens in Waikiki. There is a property, opposite 2222 Aloha Drive, which may possibly be a site. This property was originally slated to be a City Playground/Park or designation for the public good.
- Resolution 13-141, CD1 - Introduced by Councilmember Chang, this urges the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) to conduct a traffic analysis of Atkinson Drive. The requested study would

incorporate the City's Complete Streets Policy and take into consideration the transportation needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists equally. Status: Adopted by the full Council on July 10, 2013. Armentrout wanted to know the status.

REPORTS (Continued)

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Barbara Miller reported that the FY2014 Budget Allocation was \$2,588.00 and the Newsletter Commitment was \$1,750.00. With \$1,826.52 sent in July 2013, the balance was \$761.48. The Treasurer's report was filed. **Waialeale moved and Mathieu seconded that the Treasurer's Report be sent by e-mail to all Board members after it has been reported in the meeting. The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 7-4-1 (AYE: Allen, Mathieu, Narita, Persons, Villers, Waialeale and West; NAY: Armentrout, Miller, St. Denis and Wong; ABSTAIN: Manfredi).**

Chair Wong declared that Waialeale was out of order. Waialeale continued talking.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Meeting - The next Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Neighborhood Board No. 5 regular monthly meeting is scheduled for the second Thursday of the month: September 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.
- To Be Added To The Mailing List - Visit the Neighborhood Commission Office, Honolulu Hale, Room 406, Honolulu, HI 96613; or call Neighborhood Assistant K. Russell Ho at 768-3715 or e-mail at kho4@honolulu.gov, fax 768-3711, www.honolulu.gov/nco/index1.htm.
- Neighborhood Commission - The Neighborhood Commission meets on the 4th Monday of the month at Honolulu Hale, 530 S. King Street, at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2013. Please check with the NCO to verify meeting dates and location.
- Parades and Street Closures - 1) Aloha Festivals Waikiki Ho'olaulea 2013: Sept. 21, Saturday, 5:30 am - 11:00 pm, Kalakaua Ave. closed 2) Aloha Festivals Floral Parade: September 28, 2013, Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Kalakaua Ave closed. Buy an Aloha Week Festival Ribbon to Support Aloha Week!
- Apps - Eleven web and mobile applications developed by City employees and private citizens are available for download from the City's website at - <http://can-do.honolulu.gov/apps>.

ADOPTION OF MOTION TO ADJOURN: The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Adam LeFebvre, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Victoria Mathieu, Secretary and Linda Wong, Chair