



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

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DRAFT – INITIAL CONVENING MEETING MINUTES **THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2015** **ALA WAI CLUB HOUSE**

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Pro Tem George West called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting. **A quorum was established with 13 members present.** Note – This 15-member Board requires eight (8) members to establish quorum and to take official Board action.

Members Present – Julia Allen, Barbra Armentrout, Michelle Matson, Barbara Miller, Bertha Naho'opi'i, Bert Narita, Keolu Peralto, Don Persons, Laura St. Denis, Bryn Villers, George Waialeale, George West, and Linda Wong.

Members Absent – Lee Manfredi.

Vacancies – One (1) in Subdistrict 3 (Diamond Head).

Guests – House Speaker Emeritus Calvin Say, Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Kevan Wong (Representative Scott Nishimoto's Office), Walea Constantinou (Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative, Honolulu Film Office), Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Cliff Kaneshiro (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office); Kurt Tsuneyoshi (Councilmember Trevor Ozawa's Office); Captain Albert McCollum (Honolulu Fire Department); Lieutenant Harrison Kim Han (Honolulu Police Department, District 6); Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane and Sergeant Allen Ishida (Honolulu Police Department, District 7); Ron Borrromeo (Board of Water Supply); Jose Rodrigues, Eileen Mark, and Aaron Febuary (Department of Transportation Services); Daisy Murai, Dennis Silva, Jr. (Hawaii Planning LLC), Jan Bappe, Carol Hoshiko (Kapi'olani Community College/Culinary Institute of the Pacific), Jerry Wanager, Casey Moore and Jeremy Pazonable (WFTWR), Carolyn Tanaka, Victoria Mathieu, Lyle T. Tenjoma, Herman Hamato, Ron Lockwood (McCully-Mo'ili'i Neighborhood Board No. 8, Chair), Jacqui Phenicie (Oahu Heart Walk), Peter Bourne (Tin Man Triathlon), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO SERVE FROM JULY 1, 2015 to JUNE 30, 2016

Chair – Chair Pro Tem West had an 18-point list of the duties of the Chair. **Narita nominated George West to be Chair and Waialeale seconded the nomination.** There were no other nominations. **As there were no objections, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected George West to be Chair by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** Chair West acknowledged the community members, who shared valuable information at the meetings. As the Board has full agendas, Chair West encouraged everyone to be mindful of the time.

Vice Chair – Chair West mentioned that there are several significant duties for the Vice Chair. **Miller nominated Linda Wong to be Vice Chair and Armentrout seconded the nomination. Matson nominated Bert Narita to be Vice Chair and Persons seconded the nomination.** There were no other nominations. Narita thanked everyone for his/her support, mentioned that Chair West was very capable, and that he would support the Chair. Wong noted that she has served as Board Chair, Vice Chair and Subdistrict 3 (Diamond Head) chair in her 15 years on the Board. Wong has testified on State and City laws. Chair West asked the Neighborhood Assistant to take a roll call vote. **There were three (3) votes for Narita (Matson, Narita, and Waialeale), nine (9) votes for Wong (Allen, Armentrout, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, and Wong), and one (1) abstention (West). The Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected Wong to be Vice Chair.**

Secretary – Chair West called for nominations for Secretary. Villers requested that the voting for Secretary be postponed to the next meeting, as there was still a vacancy to be filled. As there were no objections, the voting for Secretary was deferred to the next meeting. **Chair West appointed Villers to be Secretary Pro Tem.** Villers accepted the appointment.

Treasurer – Chair West asked for nominations for Treasurer. **Matson nominated Barbra Armentrout to be Treasurer. Wong seconded the nomination.** There were no other nominations. **As there were no objections, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected Barbra Armentrout to be Treasurer by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: For all wishing to speak on items not already on the agenda, fill out a Community Concerns form from the front desk and give the form to the Chair or Neighborhood Assistant.

Comments followed:

1. Subdistrict Chairs – Miller noted the Neighborhood Plan's stipulation that the elections of Subdistrict Chairs follow elections of officers. Chair West responded that Subdistrict Chairs will be later on the agenda.
2. Agenda – Matson noted that other irregularities on this month's unusual agenda could be discussed later under Board Business.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Captain Albert McCollum reported the following:

- June 2015 Statistics – There were 12 structure, 0 wildland, 4 rubbish and 7 vehicle fires; 150 medical emergencies, 19 search/rescues, and 9 miscellaneous calls for service. There was one (1) major incident on Monday, June 15, 2015, when road paving heavy equipment caught on fire on Kapahulu Avenue.
- Fire Safety Tips – Wildland fires, also known as brush fires, can cause great damage in the communities and use resources that could be better utilized elsewhere. According to the National Fire Protection Association, the following steps should be taken to prevent brush fires at home: Remove flammable materials, i.e. dead vegetation and wood piles, from within 30 feet of the home. Keep the lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to reduce fire intensity. Dry grass and shrubs are fuel for brush fires. Clear leaves and other vegetative debris from decks, gutters, porches, and roofs to help prevent embers from igniting the home.

Comments followed:

1. Structure Fires – Villers noted an increase in the number of structure fires. Captain McCollum mentioned that sometimes there is a "spike" during the summer, but he does not know why.
2. Fire on Kapahulu Avenue – Waialeale mentioned the fire on Kapahulu Avenue and asked if HFD will be on guard for the remainder of the paving project. Captain McCollum responded that HFD is always ready, but the repaving schedule may be delayed now and the City should be consulted. Chair West suggested asking the Mayor's Representative.
3. Search/Rescue – Chair West commended the HFD's search-and-rescue efforts for the lost man who was found after four (4) days near Schofield Barracks. Chair West may send a letter of appreciation to the HFD on behalf of the Board.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 6 – Waikiki (Diamond Head) – Lieutenant Harrison Kim Han reported the following for Beat 662 – Honolulu Zoo/Kapi'olani Park:

- June 2015 Statistics – There were 9 robberies, 15 burglaries, 249 thefts, and 29 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). In addition, there were 94 speeding citations, 905 parking citations, 2 loud muffler citations and 1 park closure warnings, 132 park closure citations issued, and 2 park closure arrests. There were 4,160 calls for service in District 6 Waikiki.
- Safety Tips – Lieutenant Kim Han recommended watching for bicyclists and pedestrians, as they are the most vulnerable.

Comments followed:

1. Vicious Dog – St. Denis reported a vicious Rottweiler dog at 3770 Paki Avenue near the community garden. There was no record of a police report. Lieutenant Kim Han advised that the victim should follow up with HPD, which will follow up with the Hawaiian Humane Society or Prosecuting Attorney's Office. Vice Chair Wong will provide additional information.
2. Park Statistics – Matson asked which HPD District 6 statistics were specifically related to Kapiolani Park given the number of park closure citations, and asked how many homeless people presently inhabit the Park and if they have been found migrating into the neighborhoods as they have onto the slopes of Diamond Head. Lieutenant Kim Han noted that park closure enforcement is conducted by ATV officers every night

in Kapiolani Park and along Kuhio Beach, and is frequently increased to address camping without a permit and park closure laws.

3. Monsarrat Avenue During the Honolulu Marathon – Wong commented that a Monsarrat Avenue road closure for 5,000 runners, using the road for the second time blocked the pastor of Unity Church from crossing Monsarrat Avenue to open the church. Lieutenant Kim Han advised calling the City's permitting division and also asking the Special Duty Police Supervisor on duty at the time to let residents cross when there are gaps in the race.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD), District 7 (Kapahulu, St. Louis Heights) – Lieutenant Clinton Sukekane reported the following:

- June 2015/May 2015 Statistics – There were 3/1 motor vehicle thefts, 1/9 burglaries, 34/31 thefts, and 11/5 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 6,139 total calls for service.
- Safety Tips – Pedestrian Safety Tips were highlighted. Lieutenant Sukekane added that pedestrians are watching the crossing signals but not looking for cars making turns.

Comments followed:

1. Bicycle Thefts – Armentrout asked if there were any statistics on bicycle thefts. She noticed there were three (3) new tents under the freeway at Harding Avenue and they all had bicycles parked there. Armentrout asked if they had registration. Lieutenant Sukekane recommended going to the HPD website for statistics or calling the Community Policing Team. Lieutenant Sukekane noted that HPD must respect the rights of the homeless, and cannot do checks randomly and without justification. Armentrout added that signs stating “No bicycles on the Sidewalk” are being made and will be installed soon.
2. HPD Response for Subdistrict 1 – Narita commended HPD District 7 response time to recent 911 calls on various issues. Narita added that increased homeless encampments are preventing public use of the sidewalk on Harding Avenue under the freeway. Lieutenant Sukekane advised calling 911 if the sidewalk is blocked. He also mentioned that the State Department of Transportation (HDOT) also takes action to address this every couple of months.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Ron Borrromeo distributed a flyer and reported the following:

- Unthirsty Plant Sale – The Board of Water Supply (BWS) and Friends of the Halawa Xeriscape Garden will be holding the annual Halawa Xeriscape Garden Open House and Unthirsty Plant Sale on Saturday, August 1, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission. Proceeds from the event will help support educational programs and classes at the Halawa Xeriscape Garden. For more information, visit www.boardofwatersupply.com or call the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041.
- Red Hill Fuel Tank Leak Update – On Tuesday, June 23, 2015 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Health (DOH) responded to a BWS request to have the Red Hill Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and Statement of Work (SOW) public comment period extended. The EPA and DOH granted BWS's request, extending the opportunity for receiving public comments to Tuesday, July 20, 2015. To receive consideration, comments on the AOC may be submitted via postal mail or email prior to this new deadline. For questions, contact the BWS Communications Office at 748-5041 or at contactus@hbws.org. Borrromeo added that on Tuesday, January 20, 2015, the U.S. Navy disclosed a leak. There was concern, as the aquifers are 100 feet below the fuel tanks. BWS assures the public that the water is safe to drink.
- Diamond Head Reservoir – The State transferred the Diamond Head Reservoir property to the BWS. However, fronting the reservoir property is State property with a BWS access road leading to the reservoir. BWS understands trespassing and security issues and has agreed to install a fence in front of the reservoir.

Comments followed:

1. Lights – Armentrout thanked Borrromeo for following up on the reservoir fence given residents' concerns, and for the lights at the BWS facility on Bertram Street because fewer people are loitering in the area now.
2. Red Hill Fuel Tank Leak – Matson asked about the web site to provide public comments on fuel tank concerns and Borrromeo advised visiting contactus@hbws.org to get links to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Department of Health (DOH) websites for the Red Hill fuel tank leak.
3. Diamond Head Reservoir Property – Wong asked about the location of the fence for the Diamond Head Reservoir. Borrromeo answered that the fence would be at the end of Collins and Kepa Streets.
4. Water Main Breaks – Wong noted that there were three (3) water main breaks on Wai'ala'e Avenue. Borrromeo mentioned that the old mains need to be replaced, but for May and June 2015, there were no breaks.
5. Chlorinated Water – Responding to Wong's question, Borrromeo confirmed that this area's water is chlorinated.

6. Coordination – Villers suggested that BWS should coordinate water main replacement and repaving with the City. Waialeale also urged Department of Transportation Services (DTS)/BWS coordination. Borromeo agreed.
7. Reservoir Fence Update – Chair West mentioned that Scott C. Ballentyne, who brought this issue up at the May 2015 meeting received a letter from BWS stating that the BWS will remove the chain and install a chain link fence by the end of July. Chair West asked Borromeo to update the Board on this each month. Borromeo will follow up.

FILLING OF VACANCY ON THE BOARD – Chair West noted that the Subdistrict 3 vacancy was incorrectly listed on the agenda as Sub-District 1. The filling of the vacancy in Subdistrict 3 (Diamond Head), due to the resignation of Carol Hoshiko, will be deferred to the next meeting.

MEETING DETERMINATION-DATE/TIME/LOCATION (AUGUST 2015 to JUNE 2017) – Chair West asked for a motion for the date/time/location. **Armentrout moved and Miller seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 continue to meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Ala Wai Clubhouse, second floor, starting at 6:30 p.m. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

DETERMINATION OF BOARD RECESS SCHEDULE (AUGUST 2015 to JUNE 2017) – Chair West asked for a recess motion. **Villers moved and Miller seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 recess in December 2015 and December 2016.** Armentrout asked and Chair West answered that the Board will take up recesses as they come up, like the recent recess in June 2015. **As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

REQUEST TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 'OLELO BROADCAST PROGRAM OR TO REQUEST FUNDS FOR AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER – Chair West mentioned that the Board has not participated in the 'Olelo broadcast program. **Villers moved and Peralto seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 participate in the 'Olelo broadcast program.**

Discussion followed:

Wong was in favor of the motion, as neighbors could see what was happening at the meetings. Miller thought it would be a waste of the taxpayers' money. Matson noted and Chair West confirmed that the money was already allocated either for 'Olelo Board meeting broadcasts or for printing and mailing the newsletter. Villers supported the motion, noting that he as a Boardmember benefits by watching what other Boards are doing. Wong added that last year the motion for a newsletter passed but a newsletter was not done, the community did not get any information, and the money was not spent. Armentrout asked about the cost for videotaping versus the newsletter. Constantinau noted that the cost was about the same.

Secretary Pro Tem Villers took a roll call vote. **The motion was NOT ADOPTED 5-6-2 (AYE: Allen, Matson, Peralto, Villers, and Wong; NAY: Armentrout, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Persons, St. Denis, and Waialeale; ABSTAIN: Narita and West).**

Chair West asked for a motion for newsletter. **Villers moved and Armentrout seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 request newsletter funds.** Peralto asked for timely distribution of the newsletter. Chair West noted the comment. Secretary Pro Tem Villers took a roll call vote. **The motion was ADOPTED 11-1-1 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, West, and Wong; NAY: Matson; ABSTAIN: Waialeale).**

ADOPTION OF ORAL TESTIMONY RULES – Chair West mentioned the "Rules of Speaking: Anyone wishing to speak is asked to raise his/her hand, and when recognized by the Chair, to address comments to the Chair. Speakers are encouraged to keep their comments to less than two (2) minutes, and those giving reports are urged to keep their reports to less than three (3) minutes. Please silence all electronic devices." **Villers moved and Armentrout seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 retain the oral testimony rules as written. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED 12-0-1 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Waialeale).**

REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDENCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Types of Meetings – Matson asked about the types meetings to be reported on, as she attends several community meetings, including the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA), the Diamond Head Scenic Byway Committee, and other meetings concerning the Diamond Head district and other communities. Chair West advised that Matson could arrange with him to place the meetings' reports on the agenda as appropriate for information or action.

Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) – Armentrout will ask the Mayor's Representative if the Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) meetings fall under the "Sunshine Law."

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Walea Constantinau distributed the *City News July 2015* and reported the following:

- The Wildest Show in Town – The Summer concert series at the Honolulu Zoo runs from Wednesday, June 3, 2015 to Wednesday, August 5, 2015. For more information call 926-3191 or visit www.honolulu zoo.org/wild.
- 2015 Twilight Summer Concert Series – The series runs every Thursday of June 2015 and July 2015. Take a stroll through Foster Botanical Garden in the late afternoon and enjoy a concert from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. There is free admission from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Chinatown – Last month, it was asked if Hawaii was doing anything like the Pacific Northwest by providing soap, showers, and a place for homeless to maintain cleanliness. The City, along with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Mental Health Kokua, has opened a public bathroom project at Pauahi Hale in Chinatown. The project, which is managed by Mental Health Kokua's Safe Haven, provides towels and toiletries to patrons and allows them to use the toilets and showers on site. The facilities are open daily.
- Contractors Repairing Date Street – Regarding the past Department of Design and Construction (DDC) - Wastewater Division Project, the sewer work on Date Street had minimal excavation and the road has been repaired. For the upcoming DDC-Civil Division Project, Date Street from Pumehana Street to Kapahulu Avenue will be repaved as part of the Rehabilitation of Streets, Unit 74 project. The project is scheduled to be advertised for construction bids in the second quarter of this year. Construction will follow after a contract is executed and the contractor obtains all the necessary permits. Villers clarified his question: As contractors are required to return streets to "as good or better condition," when they do not do it, who pays for the repairs? Constantinau will follow up.
- Towed Cars – Call 911 and give the license plate to find out where the vehicle was towed to by All Island Towing.
- Homeless in Wheelchairs – Department of Community Services (DCS) responded that service providers, such as Waikiki Care-a-Van, provide services and outreach to the homeless population, including those in wheelchairs. If you know a homeless individual in need, contact Waikiki Care-a-Van at 922-4790.
- Mattresses Under the Freeway – The encampment areas under the freeway were determined to be under State's jurisdiction and should be reported to the State of Hawaii for appropriate action.
- Flashing Pedestrian Lights – Currently, Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is conducting a pilot project on South King Street, utilizing manually- activated overhead flashing lights, similar to what is being requested for Kapahulu Avenue at Mokihana Street to improve pedestrian safety. The consultant is finalizing the study and DTS will use the data to determine if and when it might be appropriate to utilize these types of treatments at other locations, such as Kapahulu Avenue at Mokihana Street. For these reasons, DTS will defer any decision to implement these treatments until the study is completed.
- KARST Violation – Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) denies that there was a karst violation, because there are specific protocols in place should anything of this nature occur. The water did not gush as reported and the aquifer was not punctured, therefore no toxins entered the ground water. As to an investigation into these actions, HART continuously monitors the construction teams and they have been well-apprised of topics such as karst intrusion and other environmental issues.
- Natatorium Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) – The EIS process involves the publishing of an EIS preparation notice, which informs the public that a proposed action will result in significant environmental impacts and based on that determination, an EIS will be prepared. The next step is the publication of a Draft EIS which initiates the 45-day public comment period. Comments received will be considered in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS will identify the alternative selected and the reason.

- Road Event on Sunday, April 12, 2015 – Constantinau mentioned that the response did not answer the question, so she will ask it again in a different way.
- Electric Skateboards – In Waikiki skateboards are prohibited from both sidewalks and roadways. Electric/Motorized skateboards are enforced as such. Currently, there is no law or ordinance that would prohibit the use of skateboards of any kind, except for the special district in Waikiki and in business districts.
- Pothole – Resident Daisy Murai reported a pothole, which was repaired. Murai reported that a little more work still needs to be done. Constantinau will follow up.
- Green Slime/Sludge by the City Mill Hillside – Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM) Director Ross Sasamura will investigate and report back.

Comments followed:

1. Fire on Kapahulu Avenue – Armentrout mentioned that HFD reported that a gas line caught on fire and that the paving was pushed back from August 2015. Armentrout requested a new timeline.
2. Motorized Bicycles/Skateboards – Armentrout asked and Constantinau confirmed that motorized bicycles and motorized skateboards are not allowed on the sidewalks.
3. Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) – Armentrout asked if the WIA is under the Sunshine Law, and noted in Bill 82 the map of neighborhood boundaries do not coincide with the actual boundaries, and the map was not corrected.
4. Date Street – Wong asked about the Date Street work. Constantinau answered that it should be out to bid the second quarter of this year.
5. Electric Skateboards – Noting that electric skateboards are not allowed in the Waikiki Special District, Wong asked why they would be allowed in the Diamond Head Special District. Constantinau will check to confirm if they are not allowed in any Special District.
6. Embedded Crosswalk Lights – Villers thanked Constantinau for her hard work, but noted the Board had submitted a Resolution requesting embedded flashing lights at the Safeway crosswalk, not the overhead lights. Matson agreed that the request was for the more visible embedded lights, not overhead lights.
7. Flyer from Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Matson had asked for a distribution chart of where the property tax dollars collected from the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 district were being allocated. Constantinau noted that the tax revenue funds go into the General Fund, which does not separate tax dollars into district projects. Matson suggested reframing the question as being what projects in the district are being funded by property tax dollars.
8. HART Violation of KARST – Matson explained that karst is comprised of subsurface caverns with water, such as those in Mo'ili'ili, and much flooding was observed during the rail column drilling where impacts were made to the sub-strata.
9. Natatorium EIS – Matson noted that alternatives to proposals with environmental impacts are required to be disclosed, and a major shortcoming of government agencies is not disclosing all the alternatives to such proposals. She added that another alternative may be forthcoming for the Natatorium.
10. Resurfacing of St. Louis Drive – Allen asked if there is an update on the street resurfacing projects in St. Louis Heights.
11. Tree Removals Near City Mill – Armentrout reported that the trees were cut down at the bottom of St. Louis Drive over the Palolo Stream, and there is a continuous fence from City Mill to the street, but now there is a large opening in the fence where a tree was replaced with three yellow posts. Armentrout raised a concern that a person riding a bike can go right down the cliff into the stream, and commented that the posts need to be connected.

Chair West noted that the Board is at the half-way point in time.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Clifford Kaneshiro distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and Councilmember Kobayashi highlighted the following:

- Budget – The City's pie chart shows how the General Fund is divided.
- City Council Meeting - The City Council met yesterday for a long meeting at Kapolei Hale. Relating to the fireworks ban, sparklers and fountains may be added back, but there is a 50/50 split of the votes in the community. More discussion is needed.
- Homeless – Area legislators visited the homeless encampment under the freeway at Kapahulu Avenue and Harding Avenue. Homelessness is a city, state, and federal issue. Businesses at Kilohana Square are suffering, as they are losing customers and must pay for the clean-up of the mess left by the homeless. Market City hired a security guard, who was attacked and beaten. Long-time customers no longer want to go there. Letters have been sent to the State Department of Transportation (HDOT). The City, State, federal government, non-profit groups and private developers must get involved with providing affordable housing.

- Plastic Bag Ban – The plastic bag ban started on Wednesday, July 1, 2015. Some environmentalists complained that the ban did not go far enough, and others regret the loss of plastic bags. More monitoring is needed.

Comments followed:

1. Bicycles – Armentrout mentioned that bicycles should be licensed and if bicycles do not have headlights and red reflectors, the owners should be cited. Councilmember Kobayashi noted bicycles must be licensed and that HPD has many areas to check.
2. Homeless Subsidies – Villers noted that if subsidies are provided to the homeless, then mandatory financial training should also be provided. Councilmember Kobayashi will follow up.
3. Bill 26 – Matson asked if Bill 26, the illicit bill promoting commercial advertising at the Zoo, had been held. Councilmember Kobayashi confirmed the bill had been held and that sponsorship, not advertising, was encouraged for the Zoo.

Harding Avenue – Waialeale suggested for the next meeting agenda that DOT Director Ford Fuchigami be invited to provide a presentation on the issue of homeless camping along Harding Avenue under the freeway, as this involves Federal, State, and City jurisdictions, Chair West will put this on the agenda

Councilmember Trevor Ozawa – Kurt Tsuneyoshi distributed Councilmember Ozawa's newsletter and reported the following:

Speeding on Leahi Avenue between Kapahulu Avenue and Monsarrat Avenue – On Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30, 2015, HPD conducted two (2) speeding enforcement actions. One (1) citation was issued.

Comments followed:

1. Leahi Avenue Crosswalk and Stop Sign Needed – St. Denis again requested a crosswalk between the community garden and Kapi'olani Park and a stop sign at Pualei Circle and Leahi Avenue. St. Denis also wondered why no speeders were caught.
2. Councilmember's Absence – Matson noted that Councilmember Ozawa has not been attending the Board's meetings, despite this request at the last meeting and Bill 82 being on this meeting's agenda. Chair West asked Tsuneyoshi to convey this concern to the Councilmember.

Governor David Ige's Representative – No representative was present and no report was available.

Senator Les Ihara, Jr. – Senator Ihara's office notified Chair West that he would be unable to attend this meeting...

Senator Sam Slom – Senator Slom was recovering at home from an ankle injury, therefore Allen distributed Senator Slom's newsletter and reported the following:

- Governor's Veto List – There are eight (8) bills on the veto list. There is no override discussion. The deadline to veto the bills is Tuesday, July 14, 2015.
- Special Session – There will be a Senate Special Session for judicial nominations and appointments.

Chair West expressed the Board's wishes for a speedy recovery for Senator Slom.

House Speaker Emeritus (HSE) Calvin Say – HSE Say congratulated new and returning Board members on their election or re-election and reported the following:

- Parking Along St. Louis Drive – HSE Say thanked Councilmember Kobayashi and Cliff Kaneshiro for putting in the request for parking on St. Louis Drive.
- Bed and Breakfast Lodging (B&B) in St. Louis Heights – Residents asked if there were any B&Bs in St. Louis Heights and none were found to be listed.
- Pothole – HSE Say mentioned that there was a pothole on the 1500 block.
- Homeless – HSE Say mentioned that Councilmember Kobayashi had reported that area legislators had visited the Harding Avenue homeless encampment under the freeway.
- Trees on St. Louis Drive – The City was contacted about the six (6) trees.

Comments followed:

1. B&B Lodging – Narita mentioned that many home owners are renovating their homes with rooms for rent and noted there may be more than five (5) unrelated people living there. HSE Say noted that residents should be self-policing, but violators may be reported to the Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP)

via Constantinau. Chair West requested that Constantinau provide the inspectors' phone numbers. HSE Say added that if violations are found, the public can check with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) to see if the papers are filed and with the Department of Taxation for the General Excise Tax (GET). Narita noted that they are not paying taxes on their income and someone, such as the St. Louis Heights Association or this Board, should investigate.

2. Letter to State Department of Transportation (HDOT) Fuchigami– HSE Say had copies of the letter sent to the HDOT about the site visit under the freeway at Harding Avenue.

Representative Bert Kobayashi – Representative Kobayashi distributed his newsletter and reported the following:

- Red Hill Fuel Tanks – Representative Kobayashi had three (3) copies of an 11-page letter, signed by 17 legislators, requesting faster corrective measures for the fuel leaks by the Department of the Navy, which he defined as a disaster in progress. Representative Kobayashi suggested using the BWS' extended comment period for public comments. He noted the Navy has kept the leaks secret for 50 years.

Comments followed:

1. Hawaii Health Connector – Narita noted that the Legislature allowed the Hawaii Health Connector to become a private non-profit organization to float millions of dollars in loans, and over half of its Board has now resigned so the Health Connector board cannot meet to make decisions to dissolve. Narita asked who is monitoring this and when the Health Connector would be terminated. Representative Kobayashi noted that the Health Connector did not float the \$30 million loans, and the Governor is abandoning the Hawaii Health Connector and is letting the Federal Health Connector take over. The federal government has now agreed with the State Department of Health's request to recognize the 1974 Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act and will use the valid State law's guidelines as part of the federal health connector.
2. Sea Wall – Persons thanked Representative Kobayashi for his support for the residents at the Sea Wall.
3. Fuel Tank Letter – Matson asked if a copy of the Legislature's 11-page letter could be provided as guidance for those who wish to submit comments in support of resolving the fuel tank issue. Representative Kobayashi will follow up and Chair West will forward a packet of information to the Neighborhood Assistant to distribute with the 11-page letter.
4. HDOT Meeting Concerning Harding Avenue Homeless – Representative Kobayashi was aware that DOT Director Ford Fuchigami met with Market City proprietors regarding the homeless situation on Harding Avenue, but he does not know what was discussed.

Representative Scott Nishimoto – Kevan Wong distributed Representative Nishimoto's newsletter. He reported the following and was available to take questions:

- Bill Veto List – Attached to the newsletter were four pages released by the Governor explaining his reasons for vetoing certain bills.

RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

American Heart Association Oahu Heart Walk – Jacqui Phenicie had distributed a flyer on road closures and parking restrictions but had to depart the meeting. Chair West mentioned that Neighborhood Assistant Ho had e-mailed the flyer to Board members and the e-distribution list.

Proposed Lot Width Variance, 3257/3253 Olu Street – Dennis Silva had a three (3)-page handout on the requested variance. The request is to ask for a one and a half (1.5) foot variance of the 50-foot set-back requirement. Upon filing, the variance request will go to public hearing. No Board action was taken.

Culinary Institute of the Pacific at Diamond Head – Carol Hoshiko reported that the project's contractor will be Jacobsen Construction from the Big Island of Hawaii. After an archeological monitoring plan is done, then clearing of the land at the former Cannon Club site can begin. Permits were issued in June 2015, and Monday, September 14, 2015 is the estimated start of construction. The construction will take place in phases and updates will be provided. On a personal note, Hoshiko thanked the voters for voting for her in the recent Neighborhood Board elections. Although she was elected to the Board in Subdistrict 3 (Diamond Head), she had to resign her seat as she was moved out of her house which was being renovated, and moved out the district. However, Hoshiko still works at Kapi'olani Community College (KCC) and is able to make periodic reports to the Board. Miller added that the Board appreciated Hoshiko running for the Board.

LED Lei and Pedestrian Safety – Lyle Tenjoma, a dentist by profession and inventor, mentioned that pedestrians, walkers, and bicyclists are invisible to drivers. Tenjoma demonstrated his light-emitting diodes (LED) lei for

pedestrian safety. Armentrout asked and Tenjoma answered that he has visited other communities with his demonstration, but has not reached out to the bicycling community yet.

PRESENTATIONS

TheBus Title VI Program – Jose Rodrigues from the Department of Transportation Services Public Transit Division explained that because DTS receives federal funds for TheBus and The Handi-Van, it must comply with the anti-discrimination provisions of the Title VI regulations. Rodrigues distributed one (1) “hard copy” of the draft report, and electronic copies are available. The public hearing will be on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, and the public comment period goes to Tuesday, September 15, 2015 with the final draft due out in December 2015. Public input is welcomed and forms were made available at this meeting.

Bill 82, Waikiki Improvement District Update – Rick Egged of the Waikiki Improvement Association (WIA) was not present. He had told Chair West that he had nothing substantial to report and wanted to wait until the Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District (WBSID) board meeting in August. Matson reported that the Board issued a letter to the WIA on July 1 informing them that the Office of Information Practices (OIP) had informed the Board that the WBSID board described in Bill 82 is subject to the Sunshine Law, which requires boards to ensure open public meetings with at least six (6) days public notice and publication of meeting minutes. However, it has been discovered on the WIA website that the first WBSID meeting had convened on June 17 to elect officers and receive a presentation on their first project without notice to this Board. Matson had spoken with Egged and requested notification of the meetings because the Board has a vested interest in the improvement district area that includes the Ala Wai Canal. For additional assurance, Matson suggested also checking the WIA website’s newsletter for notice of the WBSID meetings.

BOARD BUSINESS

Approval of May 14, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes – Chair West asked for a motion to approve the May 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes. **Miller moved and Allen seconded that the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 approves the May 14, 2015 regular meeting minutes as circulated. As there were no objections, the motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Creation of Board Committees and Members

Election of Subdistrict Chairs

Subdistrict 1 (St. Louis Heights) – **Armentrout nominated Julie Allen to be Subdistrict 1 Chair and Miller seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations or objections, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected Julie Allen to be the Chair of Subdistrict 1 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Subdistrict 2 (Kapahulu) – **Miller nominated Bertha Naho'opi'i to be Subdistrict 2 Chair and St. Denis seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations or objections, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected Bertha Naho'opi'i to be the Chair of Subdistrict 2 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Subdistrict 3 (Diamond Head) – **Chair West nominated Laura St. Denis to be Subdistrict 3 Chair and Miller seconded the nomination. As there were no other nominations or objections, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 elected Laura St. Denis to be the Chair of Subdistrict 3 by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

Designation of Committee Chairs by Board Chair

O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OahuMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) – Chair West appointed Narita to continue representing the Board. Narita suggested that Barbra Armentrout be named as an alternate to the CAC. **Chair West appointed Armentrout as the alternate representative.**

Creation of Board Committees and Members

Internal Affairs Committee – Matson recommended forming an ad hoc committee for internal affairs to discuss Board matters and report back to the Board. Chair West agreed to take the suggested committee formation under advisement.

Sub-District Reports

Subdistrict 1

Civil Defense Sirens – Narita reported that Civil Defense removed two (2) sirens in St. Louis Heights and it has been difficult to hear the more distant sirens for the last two months. He added that Civil Defense has been notified and will be monitoring this. Narita recommended that the Kapahulu and St. Louis Heights subdistricts also monitor this deficiency.

Subdistrict 3

Diamond Head Road Plant Maintenance – Matson noted that the Diamond Head State Monument Foundation has turned over caring for the naupaka plants along lower Diamond Head Road to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). However, the plants have been neglected and are growing into the road. Matson will be meeting with the new DLNR Director on this and other issues.

Natorium Update – Wong reported receiving a letter from Department of Design and Construction (DDC) Director Robert J. Kroning regarding the status of the Waikiki War Memorial Complex Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The letter read, "The City would like to provide an update on the status of the EIS. It was previously anticipated that the Draft EIS would be ready for publication in the summer of 2015; however, its release will be delayed. Comments received during the scoping process and on the Final Environmental Assessment/ Environmental Impact Statement Preparation Notice (FEA-EISPN) have revealed the need for the City to conduct additional analysis of existing alternatives....Initial consultations with the State Historic Preservation Division (SHPD) under Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 6E suggest that inclusion of additional alternatives may be required....Our goal is to keep the delay to less than 18 months."

Act 91, Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Notice – Noting that most Board members have been informed via email about Governor Ige signing Act 91, relating to allowing Neighborhood Board members to attend outside public meetings, Chair West did not elaborate.

At 8:40 p.m. Villers moved and Armentrout seconded that the meeting be extended 10 minutes. As there were no objections, the meeting was extended for 10 minutes by UNANIMOUS CONSENT 13-0-0 (AYE: Allen, Armentrout, Matson, Miller, Naho'opi'i, Narita, Peralto, Persons, St. Denis, Villers, Waialeale, West, and Wong; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).

McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 Notices of Actions and Resolutions

Chair West commented on a compilation of various actions taken by McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8, and introduced Chair Ron Lockwood. Chair West summarized the following:

Resolution Supporting the Remediation and Repaving of Date Street from Lunalilo School to Kapahulu Avenue – Chair West referred the resolution to Villers to determine what action the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 might take.

Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) on Moped Scooters and Noise – The McCully-Mo'ili'ili Neighborhood Board No. 8 PIG did extensive research on this issue and presented their findings in an extensive report. Chair West will share the report with the Board and have this on a future agenda. Lockwood commented that this information was developed to assist several urban Neighborhood Boards to approach the City Council as there has been little support for this concern in the State Legislature.

Resolution Reinstating the Use of Military Helicopters for Civilian Medivacs in Times of Emergency – Chair West referred this item to Narita to advise on possible Board action. Lockwood mentioned that the use of military helicopters declined in 2002 due to troop deployment, but the troops have returned and the helicopters are available to assist the community.

Comments followed:

1. Medivacs – Narita commented that the company Evergreen was mentioned, but he cannot find any information on it.
2. Date Street – Villers will discuss this with Lockwood after the meeting.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Chair West announced that the Treasurer's report will be filed as written.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Civil Beat Law Center will be doing a seminar on the Sunshine Law on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. Interested persons may contact Chair West for details.
- Chair West had an update on the Diamond Head Reservoir fence at Collins and Kepa Streets.
- Bill 52, related to parking in the neighborhood – Armentrout noted that the bill passed first reading.
- Armentrout mentioned that helicopters will be flying next week.
- Armentrout noted that Bertha Naho'opi'i was honored for 35+ (38) years on the Neighborhood Board at the Neighborhood Board Installation Ceremony on Saturday, June 27, 2015.
- Miller asked Villers to announce that he and his wife have a new son. She added that Manfredi has been undergoing medical treatments on the mainland. Chair West requested that Miller and Wong keep the Board informed about Manfredi's well-being.
- Waialeale requested from Councilmember Kobayashi a presentation on the City's debt service, which is about 20% of the budget.
- Peter Bourne announced that the Tin Man Triathlon will be held on Sunday, July 26, 2015, from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., and the Dick Evans Memorial Road Race will be scheduled later. St. Denis mentioned the problems on Monsarrat Avenue at the Unity Church. Bourne responded that the Unity Church is not a concern for the Tin Man Triathlon or the Dick Evans Memorial Road Race, however Bourne is part of the Honolulu Marathon Race and the organizers are aware of the Unity Church issue and want to work out an acceptable solution.

ADJOURNMENT – **As there was no further business before the Board, Chair West adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.**

Submitted by:

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Reviewed by:

Risé Doi, Neighborhood Assistant II

Reviewed by:

Bryn Villers, Secretary Pro Tem, Linda Wong,
Michelle Matson, Bert Narita, and George West, Chair