



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2008 NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:06 p.m., Chair Paul Holtrop called the meeting to order with ten members present and introduced the members of the Manoa Neighborhood Board.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Andersen, Rodney Chun, Eric Eads, Francisco Figueiredo (arrived at 7:05), Tom Heinrich, Paul Holtrop, Dwight Jackson, John Kim, Brandon Mitsuda (arrived at 7:05), George Nakano, Rose Niimoto, Milton Ragsdale, and Glen Tanaka (arrived at 7:56) (Seventeen seats, two vacancies. Quorum is nine members).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Nadine Nishioka and Nathan Say.

GUESTS: Larry Reifurth (Governor's Representative); Officer Hendricks, Lt. Egami, Sgt. Rivers, Major Lefcourt (Honolulu Police Department); Jim Manke (University of Hawaii); Renee Ing, Jim Brewer Representative Kirk Caldwell; Councilmember Ann Kobayashi; Jason Walter; Travis Fallon (ASUH); Keith Rollman (Department of Information Technology); Hubert Minn (Department of Customer Services); Ross Tanimoto (Department of Environmental Services); Captain Clyde Shimabukuro (Honolulu Fire Department); Bryan Mick (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

FILLING OF VACANCIES: The Chair asked if there were any persons interested in filling any of the two vacancies in Subdistrict IV. No one was.

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) – Captain Shimabukuro reported for the month of January, there was 1 structure fire, 41 medical responses, and 10 miscellaneous responses.

Fire Safety Tip - Fire, building, and U.S. postal codes and City ordinances state that property owners shall place their house numbers in such a manner so it is legible and readily visible from the street. This will assist the Honolulu Fire Department and other first responders in locating your house quickly in the event of an emergency.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) – Officer Hendricks distributed his report. For the month of January compared to November 2007, Manoa Valley had 12 burglaries (+4), 14 unauthorized entry into motor vehicles (JEMV) (+1), and 10 thefts (-16).

Questions, answers, and comments:

Eads pointed out that page 2 of the handout only spans a five day period. Hendricks replied stats for the complete months are located in the back of the handout.

Figueiredo and Mitsuda arrived at 7:05 pm. Twelve members present.

- 1) Chun inquired if when people tag, is HPD able to recognize the symbols and pursue suspects accordingly. Hendricks replied that the Crime Reduction Unit does try to catalog all symbols used by taggers. Chun asked if residents should call 911 if they observe graffiti and/or taggers. Hendricks said yes, as HPD will photograph and catalog the graffiti before it is removed.
- 2) Heinrich thanked HPD for their assistance with TAG Team's (Totally Against Graffiti) events. He added that there might be a small event on March 8 to clean up bus stops and street signs. There

will be a major event on April 19, based out of Kaimuki High School in conjunction with the School's National Honor Society.

- 3) Niimoto asked why the speed trailer has been turned off. Hendricks explained that the trailer was brought in before the meeting for charging.

Major Lefcourt explained that HPD had introduced several bills at the State Legislature that he would like to explain to the Board. 1) HB1819 / SB1952 Authorizes state and county governments to rehire retired employees during labor shortages and for difficult to fill occupational areas without retirement benefit penalty. They would be rehired at entry level pay. All government departments including HPD have around a ten percent vacancy rate. 2) HB2999 / SB2578 Prohibits possession of .50 caliber Browning machine gun rifle and ammunition. These guns fire larger bullets than what the SWAT team uses and can travel four miles in the air. There are about 90 registered rifles in Honolulu currently. There are only two target ranges that can handle this type of ammo, and they are both military. 3) HB2553 / SB2567 would require pawn shops to file their pawn slips electronically into HPD's database. Right now, this system is paper based, and by the time HPD processes the paperwork the sixty day holding period that pawn shops are required to follow has passed. The electronic based database would allow HPD to easily browse the collection in search of stolen items as the system would update itself every day. 4) HB2848 / SB2927 creates the same retirement schedule for Police Radio Dispatchers as HPD officers currently have. Lefcourt asked members of the public and the Board to lobby their elected officials to support these bills. Most of the bills would need to come before Senator Taniguchi's Judiciary and Labor committee.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Andersen asked if the bill authorizing retired personnel to be rehired could be used if HPD went on strike. Lefcourt said theoretically yes, but the intent is to use these retired members to supplement the regular force, not replace it. Andersen asked about the volunteer policeman. Lefcourt said there is a reserve officer program, but the training is so rigorous, only former officers can qualify.
- 2) Andersen asked what type of an I.D. someone must show to sell an item to a pawn shop. Lefcourt said a State ID and a thumbprint. But the real problem is the delay in HPD finding out about a possible stolen item being at a pawn shop – by the time HPD gets there, the item has been resold. Andersen asked if it was technically possible for an electronic fingerprint to be sent to HPD. Lefcourt said it's possible, but not necessary if the database gets created, as HPD can visit the pawn shop and examine the fingerprint at that point. He added that most thieves are chronic thieves, so if this helps to catch a few of them the impact on the overall theft rate could be noticeable.
- 3) Kim said the handout had different bill numbers than what was orally reported. Lefcourt said he would circulate his report with the correct numbers.
- 4) Eads voiced support for trying to ban the .50 caliber guns and ammunition. He also observed that the job vacancy rate issue is nationwide as the baby boomers start to retire. He asked if there were any long term solution proposals as these people will retire for a second time in the near future even if they are rehired. Lefcourt replied that recruitment and retention is a problem for all police departments across the nation. HPD does have an aggressive recruitment effort that has recently been going after additional groups (women, sports teams, etc.) that perhaps were not targeted in the past.
- 5) Heinrich asked that tonight's handout be added to District Seven's page on HPD's website.
- 6) Holtrop asked if the bill on guns would grandfather in those already legally possessing a Browning machine gun or would confiscate them when passed. Lefcourt said a time window

would be provided for people to sell their guns or otherwise transfer them out of State. He added that this is not aimed at the handguns, but more so at the rifles. Having these weapons stolen is also a big concern.

- 7) The Chair commented the next agenda would have a resolution on these bills. Lefcourt pointed out that the deadline for these bills to be heard in committee was before the next meeting so please contact your legislators before then.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

COUNCILMEMBER ANN KOBAYASHI – Councilmember Kobayashi reported that 1) The Council Executive Matters Committee discussed a proposed resolution to place term limits on Neighborhood Board members. Discussions included if someone who had reached their term limit could be appointed. There will be further hearings on this resolution. 2) A panel was created by the Council over the objections of herself, Dela Cruz, and Djou. This panel is to select the type of technology for our mass transit system. She thinks they could make a recommendation, but the Council should make the final choice. Corporation Counsel opined that the panel is not covered by sunshine laws, ethics laws, and does not have to file a financial disclosure form. The bus fixed guideway she supports is now called a multimodal system since people have a preconceived notion when you use the term bus. It's cheaper and more flexible than rail.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Andersen asked whose idea was it to subject Neighborhood Board members to term limits. Councilmember Kobayashi explained it was a recommendation to the Council from its task force that was formed in response to the audit. Andersen asked what its status was. Councilmember Kobayashi explained it passed out of committee on second reading and will go to the full Council for a vote. From there it will go back to committee for further hearings. There are good arguments on both sides of the issue. Andersen asked if the premise that change is good is accepted, shouldn't it apply to Congress and the State Legislature. Councilmember Kobayashi said that point was brought up.
- 2) Heinrich commented that the resolution dealing with term limits is actually a proposal to place it on the next ballot as a Charter amendment question. So there are additional steps that must be done before it would apply.
- 3) Heinrich asked if the Council had selected a person to fill the open seat on the Neighborhood Commission today. Councilmember Kobayashi reported that former North Shore Neighborhood Board member Kathleen Pahinui's name was withdrawn by Councilmember Dela Cruz as some felt there were too many females on the Commission already, so Ron Mobley's name was selected. This now goes to the full Council for a vote. Heinrich added that there are two more seats that will be open on the Commission this year. One is a Council appointee; the other is nominated by the Mayor and confirmed by the Council.
- 4) Jackson asked when Lowrey Avenue was going to be repaved. Councilmember Kobayashi responded the contract was signed in August, and she had hoped it would be completed by the end of 2007. Maybe they had to wait for the rain to cease. They may also be waiting since the side streets are also going to be repaved. Niimoto added that they need to fill potholes with the right material. Whatever they use now allows them to reappear very quickly. Councilmember Kobayashi commented that the Council has inquired into this; alternate fillings may be much more expensive but she thinks its worth it. Some roads need repair, many need rehabilitation. Heinrich added that the Councilmember and/or the administration respond to calls about potholes in a very timely manner.

- 5) Heinrich asked when capital improvement project ideas for the next budget need to be submitted. Councilmember Kobayashi said A.S.A.P., no later than the end of March.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Hubert Minn, Senior Advisor, Customer Services Department (CSD) said there were no previous concerns for him to update the Board on, but he was available for questions.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Heinrich reported he had further contact with the Manoa resident who had come to a meeting in 2007 to complain that UH students were parking in such a manner as to block their driveway. They have a request for the 'no parking' sign's placement to be adjusted so that only one car, or no cars, can park in that section. Minn asked Heinrich to email him the exact details so he could forward it to the Department of Transportation Services (DTS).
- 2) Mitsuda asked if Minn could get a status update on Lowrey Avenue and the surrounding side streets.

REPRESENTATIVE KIRK CALDWELL – Representative Caldwell handed out his report and highlighted that he would hold a Manoa Town meeting in conjunction with Senator Taniguchi and Councilmember Kobayashi on February 16 from 10:00 am till noon at Noelani School Library. He mentioned he is one of 31 Representatives to pledge this session to run a paperless office. He worked closely with Senator Hooser to introduce a majority joint package. Lots of the bills deal with alternative energy. Bills dealing with how the Sunshine Law applies to Neighborhood Boards are also alive.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) The Chair thanked Representative Caldwell for putting important government contact numbers in his handout. Persons who would like a copy can contact his office at 586-8475 or repcaldwell@capitol.hawaii.gov
- 2) Andersen asked how big a problem are red fire ants. Representative Caldwell said they are not on Oahu but two neighbor islands. This bill would help to prevent them from ever reaching Oahu. Andersen asked what Department this would come under. Representative Caldwell replied the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR). He added that he had introduced a bill on Andersen's request to study carrying capacity. It passed first reading.
- 3) Heinrich commented that besides the Manoa town hall meeting, there will be another one on February 20 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the McCully-Moiliili Library.
- 4) Eads asked about one of the majority bills which requires big box supermarkets to have recycling centers for cans and bottles. The bill specifies businesses that are 75,000 square feet or more. What exact store does that cover? Representative Caldwell said it would apply to Costco, Sams Club, Wal Marts, etc. It would not apply to Safeway. Eads also asked that solar energy be explored more. Ethanol still has some large drawbacks to it. Representative Caldwell said that was a good point, but observed that ethanol production has the added bonus of helping us to protect our agriculture land from development.
- 5) Heinrich thanked Representative Caldwell for his help on the Stevenson Middle School Master Plan. A bill is now alive that provides \$9,500,000 for two new capital improvement project priorities. Representative Caldwell said Senator Taniguchi has really spearheaded this effort.
- 6) A resident asked if there are any bills alive that deal with global warming and rising ocean levels which will tremendously impact any island like ours. Representative Caldwell replied that bills have been passed dealing with our carbon emissions, but nothing specifically preparing for rising

oceans. The resident asked if there are any plans to raise impacted areas like Mo'ili'ili. Representative Caldwell responded no. This would be a huge undertaking. It would require some more studies. Hopefully world wide efforts to minimize global warming will prevent us from having to face this event.

SENATOR BRIAN TANIGUCHI - Senator Taniguchi's report was available.

Glen Tanaka arrived (7:56 pm). Thirteen members present.

GOVERNOR'S REPORT – Larry Reifurth, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA), distributed the Governor's report as well as a status update on the DLNR projects related to the Manoa floods. They are a) Debris fence above individual homes in Manoa (\$471,477) started 12/06 completed 12/07. b) Drainage improvements at individual homes in Manoa: 2750 Puuhonua Street (\$158,600) started 12/07, completed 3/08; 2718/2726 Puuhonua Street (\$58,500) estimated to start 2/08; and 2577 Sonoma Street (\$400,900) estimated to start 3/09. c) Dispersion channels at Round Top Drive/Manoa (\$1,090,948) estimated start 5/08. d) Round Top Drive emergency slope repairs Phase I (\$597,800) started 8/06, completed 10/06. e) Round Top Drive Phase II & Maunalaha slope restoration (\$1,778,800) started 9/07 and estimated to be complete in 3/08.

The monthly report included the announcement of a Memorandum of Understanding with the US Department of Energy to establish the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative. It also highlighted the Governor's call for targeted tax relief for parents and those caring for elderly among other groups. It also had the details of the State's settlement with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs. Reifurth also announced that the Governor has released \$3.8 million for the expansion of the Manoa Public Library. The construction will start in August and be done in 2010. At the last meeting, it was asked if the Governor had a position on the proposed Con-Con. She supports convening it. There was also a question on the TB testing requirements for enrollment at our public schools. The law requires entering students have TB clearance within twelve months of enrollment. A third question was about the overgrown grass on freeway entrances and exits. The contract to maintain these areas had lapsed, but a new one will take effect next month.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Heinrich commented that the January 23 Office of Environmentally Quality Control (OEQC) bulletin included the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Manoa Public library expansion. This starts a 30 day comment period. It is available on the OEQC website. He added that the temporary library will be located on the premises of Noelani Elementary School while the construction is underway.
- 2) Heinrich commented that he has noticed a new plant being grown near the H-1 freeway exit near the UH-Manoa music building. It looks like a xeriscape plant. He has inquired to the Department of Transportation but not received a response.
- 3) Figueiredo asked about the white dividers near Maryknoll School that are supposed to keep cars from making illegal turns. These seem to be knocked down quite often. They get stolen when they are down. Are there plans to put something a little sturdier in its place? Reifurth said it is still being evaluated.
- 4) Andersen commented that he has heard its possible to use power lines to transmit other types of things such as television signals. Reifurth said he knows this was looked at a few years ago by HEI-HECO, but they chose to not pursue it.
- 5) Heinrich commented that the white dividers mentioned by Figueiredo were mentioned at the recent Maryknoll School task force meeting. It was also brought up that it is hard for emergency

vehicles and large vehicles to make the right turn to get on the freeway. Some sort of redesign is needed.

Figueiredo left the meeting at 8:30 pm. 12 members present.

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII – Jim Manke reported that the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) will be presented to the Board at next month's meeting. The school is active at the Legislature trying to get funds to fix the campus infrastructure. Since the last Board meeting, the football team played in the Sugar Bowl and got a new head coach. The upheaval helped to bring attention to the condition of the facilities at Manoa. Copies of the Alumni magazine are available tonight.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Eads asked if all the publicity that the University enjoyed this year had an effect on enrollment applications. Manke said this is called the Flutie effect. The enrollment data from 2007 was lost, but compared to 2006 enrollment applications are up 10 percent. That's expected growth though. Tuition has risen at a slower rate than on the mainland.
- 2) Mitsuda asked if any changes to campus security are planned in response to recent incidents. Manke said the plans are to increase the amount of security guards, install better locks, increase the amount of lighting, and provide more student escorts at night. UH Manoa is very safe compared to other universities. In the end, the students must be responsible for their safety, especially those who live in the dorms. Mitsuda asked if safety/security was part of student orientation. Manke replied it is part of the optional student orientation course offered in the summer.
- 3) Heinrich asked if there was an update on Frear Hall. Manke said its on schedule and budget and should open for the fall 2008 semester. The tower dorms will need to be renovated next.
- 4) Andersen asked what the maximum number of students the campus can have enrolled at any given time. Manke said a few years ago enrollment was up to 21,000 and that really stressed the campus. Recently, it's been between 18,000 and 20,000, and that seems to be the ideal number.
- 5) Andersen asked if students parks on Lowrey Avenue and then catch the free shuttle to the campus. Manke replied that is common. Andersen replied he thinks that is unfair to the residents who may want to have guests over, and he thinks UH should build more on campus parking. Manke said as long as people are parking legally, he thinks it is acceptable. There will always be an overflow of cars into the community, even with the 1,500 stalls that will be added soon. Andersen suggested that instituting a fee to ride the shuttle might lessen the impact on the residents.
- 6) Jackson commented he has caught the shuttle, and he thinks it is great. Manke added that the fees from on campus parking pay for it. Jackson suggested that more bike paths should be built. Manke agreed, and added that there will be hearings in the spring on raising the parking fees.
- 7) Jackson asked how the State can afford to build the West Oahu campus when they cannot maintain what they already have at Manoa. Manke acknowledged that is a hot topic for debate.
- 8) Holtrop asked if the condition of the Manoa facilities threatens the University's accreditation. Manke said not really, academics and leadership are more important to the accreditation people.
- 9) Heinrich suggested that the Board have a special meeting that would only have UH related issues on it. Manke added that the LRDP has two appendices, one is a traffic management plan, the other is a long range plan for parking.

- 10) Resident Jason Walter asked how is feedback from students solicited when it comes to customer service. Manke said they do not actively solicit, but they hear about it when it's bad.
- 11) A resident said she has lodged a complaint about the Maile Way entrance. There should be a no parking sign in the turnaround. She was told it would take a year to get thru the red tape. The guards are supposed to make sure no one parks there. When people do, it makes it hard to drop people off as you have to back out into traffic since two cars cannot fit side by side in the turnaround.

BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY (BWS) – The Chair announced that he got an email from BWS with three updates he would like to read into the record. A) Punahou Water Systems Improvement Project. The contractor is expected to begin work on Metcalf Street as early as the first week of February. The contractor's current schedule of work on Metcalf Street, which is subject to change, is to work on Metcalf from Wilder to Hoonanea Street first and then move to work on Metcalf between Hoonanea St. and University Ave. The working hours for this project are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Drivers are advised to use alternate routes or expect delays, as there will be lane closures during working hours. Off duty police officers and/or flagmen will help to appropriately direct traffic. The project is on schedule to be completed in the second quarter of 2008. B) Oahu Avenue and Huelani Drive Water Systems Improvement Project. The Oahu Avenue and Huelani Drive project began on January 7th and will replace 6 and 8-inch water mains that were installed over 72 years ago along Oahu Avenue, Huelani Drive, Loulu St. and Papala St. The working hours are Monday thru Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. According to the current schedule, which is subject to change, the contractor is currently working on Huelani Drive and then will move to the section on Loulu St., and then continue down Oahu Avenue and finish with Papala St. Customers will be notified in advance if temporary water service interruption is required. This project is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2008. C) Woodlawn Drive project has been terminated.

PRESENTATIONS:

PHILEAS MAGNET-RAIL SUPER EXPRESS – Renee Ing distributed brochures about this alternative to rail. The cars look like buses, but it also can travel on a dedicated guide way thru the use of computers and magnets. This is cheaper and more flexible, and will have a greater impact on all residents. She thanked Councilmember Kobayashi for her efforts in promoting this. Ing can be contacted at 267-0117.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Eads asked where else in the world this system was in use. Ing replied in The Netherlands. Korea is negotiating to bring it in, as well as Turkey. Israel is also considering it as. Eads asked if this required dedicated lanes. Ing said yes.
- 2) Travis Fallon identified himself as a Senator from the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii. He has introduced in ASUH a resolution in support of this system.

PRESENTATION OF THE MAYOR'S 21ST CENTURY AHUPUA'A SUSTAINABILITY PLAN – Keith Rollman from the Department of Information Technology introduced himself. He outlined the Mayor's Ahupua'a Sustainability Plan. He said this was different but complementary to the Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan. He highlighted:

- a) The first settlers to Hawaii, the Native Hawaiians, were a model of sustainability. The definition of this is to not use up your natural resources at a rate that damages future generations' ability to use them. The Native Hawaiians did this for 1800 years using the ahupua'a concept, which is a land segment running from the mountains to the ocean. It accounts for impacts in one part of the ahupua'a on the other parts.

- b) We have created a model of unsustainability on our island. We need to return to the old ways. Ninety-three percent of our energy is from imported oil. Eighty-nine percent of our food is imported.
- c) Global warming will impact Hawaii as sea levels rise and inundate our costal areas. Since the Federal government declined to sign the Kyoto protocol, US mayors including Mayor Hannemann have entered into climate protections agreements that were based on Kyoto's goals.
- d) The Mayor's 21st Century Ahupua'a Sustainability Plan has seven main points. 1) Honor the host culture. 2) Develop alternative energy and bio fuel. 3) Encourage green building and conservation. The Fasi Municipal Building and HPD headquarters were recently retrofitted to be more efficient and should save \$500,000 a year on utility costs. 4) Build efficient transportation systems. 5) Recycle solid waste. 6) Restore productive agriculture. 7) Protect our forests and reefs.
- e) The plan is 80 pages long and has goals individualized by departments. These will be updated soon. 'Sustain Lane,' a data gathering organization, rates all large cities on sustainability. We are rated 15 out of 56. And we are number two in the use of renewable fuels. The EPA has given us an award for the quality of our drinking water and Honolulu was an honorable mention for a bike friendly award.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Jackson disagreed with the concept that Honolulu is a bicycle friendly city. The Chair seconded that. He pointed out that the roads are poor, and there are very few dedicated lanes for bikes.
- 2) Andersen asked who gave the City the bicycling award. Rollman said it came from the US bicycling league. Andersen asked how much reserve of oil and food do we have. Rollman said very little, as the last strike by Matson showed us.
- 3) Heinrich said this Plan was online, but asked about the State's Hawaii 2050 Plan. Rollman said they have their own website www.hawaii2050.org. Heinrich asked how Sustain Lane gets their data to do their ranking of cities. Rollman said the Cities provides that to them. Heinrich commented that if a special meeting on UH related issues is held, Professor Steven Meder from the School of Architecture should be invited as he is involved with the green building movement.
- 4) Hubert Minn, Senior Advisor, Customer Services Department (CSD) commented that the City has made efforts to educate the City employees on energy and sustainability. They held a poster contest and created a calendar out of the entries. Those are available here tonight. Rollman said his contact information is krollman@honolulu.gov

WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – Ross Tanimoto from the Department of Environmental Services (ENV) introduced himself. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has moved to deny the waiver for secondary treatment at the Sand Island treatment plant. The EPA will hold a pubic hearing on this matter on March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at Washington Middle School; written comments are due to the EPA by March 31. The City feels the waivers should be granted. The plant has operated for 31 years with a waiver and we have seen no effect on the ecosystem or anyone's health. Upgrading the plant to full secondary treatment would be expensive, and these funds need to go to our aging collection system.

Questions, answers, and comments:

- 1) Andersen asked what is the estimate on the daily amount of effluent generated in Hawaii. Tanimoto said about 150 million gallons statewide, about 120 million of that on Oahu. The City's main two plants process about 100 million gallons. Andersen asked if we use gray water.

Tanimoto said no, but the Honouliuli plant converts about 10 million gallons a day for irrigation use in the Ewa Plains.

- 2) Heinrich commented that Tanimoto gave a full presentation at a Waikiki Neighborhood Board meeting. It was very informative and included a video. It should be broadcast on Olelo.
- 3) The Chair asked what exactly secondary treatment is. Tanimoto said there are three steps in treatment. The first step is to screen out large objects, like rags and tree branches. Next is primary treatment, which is allowing the liquid to settle into heavier and lighter layers which can be separated from each other. Secondary treatment would be next, it involves introducing microbes which consume organic material. This is good when the effluent will be discharged into a river or lake, but not necessary when discharged into a deep ocean outfall as Sand Island does. The Chair asked what depth the outfall was for Sand Island. Tanimoto explained it is 1.7 miles out to sea and 235 feet deep.

Heinrich moved to take item 6.1 Approval of Minutes and item 9.1 Consideration of a Proposed Resolution out of order. There were no objections.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2007 MINUTES – The following corrections were offered:

- 1) Page 5, Line 47 – Heinrich announced that on December 13, the Mo'ili'ili parade will occur and likely have an impact on Manoa traffic. The parade goes from Prince Kuhio School ~~Kuhio Avenue~~ to Old Stadium Park along S. Beretania Street.

The minutes were adopted as amended 11-0-1. (Aye: Chun Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Ragsdale, and Tanaka. **Abstain:** Andersen.)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Niimoto reported that the operating account balance stands at \$576.47, the publicity account balance is at \$1,242.88, and the refreshment account balance stands at \$120. \$30.68 was expended to print and mail out the recess notice for January, and \$628.56 was expended to pay for the videotaping of the October, November, and December meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON MIDDLE SCHOOL MASTER PLAN – Heinrich explained that this issue arose when the Department of Education (DOE) announced that they were going to transfer the sixth grade levels at Manoa and Noelani elementary schools to Stevenson Middle School. Public outcry caused this to be staggered for both elementary schools, Noelani in 2007 and Manoa in 2012. Lots of negative comments about the state of the facilities at Stevenson inspired Senator Taniguchi to introduce a bill providing CIP funds to improve those facilities. SB 2580 and HB 2603 propose funding for a new administration/educational facility and a new multipurpose recreational facility. Therefore, a draft resolution was prepared for consideration by the Manoa Neighborhood Board that reads in part **"Be It resolved** by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, in recognition that the students from our district's Manoa Elementary School and Noelani Elementary School enter Grade 6 at Stevenson Middle School, that it strongly supports the proposed capital improvement program funding for the above-identified projects to implement the Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School Master Plan."

Heinrich moved that the Board adopt the resolution. Nakano seconded.

Discussion:

- 1) Nakano said he supported this resolution as it helps all our children.

- 2) Mitsuda commented his mom is a teacher at Stevenson and he definitely supports this resolution.
- 3) Andersen said he is also in favor, and asked if the Makiki Neighborhood Board No. 10 has taken up this issue as Stevenson is actually in their district. He does not want to usurp their authority. He also asked if traffic impacts had been discussed in relation to this plan. Heinrich said members of Board No. 10 have attended community meetings on this initiative and expressed their support, but in any case the Neighborhood Plan does allow for boards to comment on issues outside their boundaries. Parking has been part of the discussion and will be developed in conjunction with the neighboring city park. The Hawaii High School Athletic Association's statewide office is already located at Stevenson, so they will be partners in this as well.

The resolution was adopted 12-0-0. (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Ragsdale, and Tanaka.)

UPDATE ON NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION ACTIVITIES – Heinrich reported that A) the Commission will hopefully be adopting the Draft Revised Neighborhood Plan (DRNP) this year. The Board may want to form a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) to weigh in on the DRNP. B) Several bills are alive at the Legislature which would provide some exemptions for Neighborhood Boards from the Sunshine Law. Heinrich said although boards are often referred to as advisory boards they have no advisory powers over specific matters and described in HRS Section 92-2 (1) and are not attached to any decision making governmental agency or process. C) The City Council is considering Ron Mobley, from the Aiea Neighborhood Board, for the open seat on the Neighborhood Commission. D) There has been some controversy about the Commission's decision to accept the petition to form the Nanakuli-Mailii Neighborhood Board No. 36. The process was very quick, especially considering that the Commission never moved on Manoa's request to adjust its subdistrict boundaries. The proposal should be resubmitted. E) The Commission and Boards still need to opine on the fact that neither of them have any input into how their budgets are formed. F) There will likely be more proposed amendments to the City Charter dealing with neighborhood boards. Perhaps a PIG should be formed on this as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Bryan Mick, Neighborhood Commission Office Staff