



## MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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### **DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES** **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008** **NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Paul Holtrop called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with a quorum of 12 members present. Note – This 17-member Board requires nine (9) votes to adopt a motion.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gary Andersen, Rodney Chun, Eric Eads, Tom Heinrich, Paul Holtrop, Dwight Jackson, John Kim, Brandon Mitsuda (left at 9:21 p.m.), George Nakano, Rose Niimoto, Nadine Nishioka, Milton Ragsdale, Glen Tanaka (arrived at 7:39 p.m., left at 8:15 p.m.).

MEMBERS ABSENT: Francisco Figueiredo, Nathan Say.

VACANCIES: There are two (2) vacancies on this Board.

GUESTS: Capt. G. Seto-Mook (Honolulu Fire Department); Officer J. Hendricks, Sgt. H. Ishida (Honolulu Police Department); Representative Kirk Caldwell; Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations Kathleen Cutshaw, Jim Manke (University of Hawaii); George Atta (Group 70); Dr. Maxwell Cooper, Thornton Guild (Hawaii Rifle Association); Dorian Cucua, Patricia Johnson (Hawaii Bicycling League); Ron Lockwood (McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 7 Chair); Bob Farrell, Ivonne Cardenas (Olelo Videographers – Makakilo.com); James Deutch, Jim Harwood, Bob Kern, Edward Masaki, Ralph W.; Rachel M. Glanstein (Neighborhood Commission Office).

FILLING OF BOARD VACANCIES (2): There were no nominations or volunteers to fill either of the two vacancies in Subdistrict 4.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Capt. G. Seto-Mook reported the following:

- 1) March 2008 Statistics – There was 1 structure fire; 30 medical, 1 search/rescue, and 6 miscellaneous emergencies.
- 2) Fire Safety Tip – Smoke alarms are proven lifesavers; they should be installed on every level of a house and outside every sleeping area. Smoke alarms should be tested once per month, and batteries should be replaced once per year (or when the alarm chirps to signal that the batteries are low). Although a smoke alarm should give advance warning, everyone should still have an escape plan. Plan two ways out of every room and set a meeting place outside for everyone to gather. Plan a drill where the smoke alarm is activated and the escape plan is implemented.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Officer J. Hendricks introduced Sgt. R. Ishida, distributed the report, and conveyed the following information:

March 2008 Statistics – There were 10 burglaries, 10 unauthorized entry into a motor vehicle (UEMV), and 20 thefts.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Starbucks Pedestrian Accident – The elderly couple struck by a vehicle by the Starbucks at Manoa Shopping Center are in stable condition; the case is ongoing. There have been complaints about speeding in the area; officers have been monitoring the area.
- 2) Promotion of R. Green – Capt. R. Green was promoted to Maj. R. Green.



- 3) No Parking Signs Requested (During Morning Hours) – There are two locations to be evaluated for implementation of "No Parking 6:30 to 8:30 A.M. Except Saturdays, Sundays, and State Holidays" to address traffic congestion during the morning rush hours.
  - a) On University Avenue, east (Koko Head) side, mauka bound, between Metcalf Street and Maile Way – especially the parking meter area between the University of Hawaii School of Architecture parking lot and Maile Way. The area between Sinclair Circle (makai of Metcalf Street) and the School of Architecture parking lot driveway is marked "No Parking 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M." and should be adjusted to have the no parking time begin at 6:30 a.m. for consistency.
  - b) On East Manoa Road, north (mauka) side, outbound from the valley, between Kolowalu Street and Doris Place. The area between Doris Place and Oahu Avenue is already marked "No Parking Any Time."
- 4) No Parking Any Time Signs – Evaluation is needed of a proposal to provide a Right Turn Only lane on East Manoa Road (mauka bound) to proceed on Kolowalu Street. This would require making the area between the last driveway and Kolowalu Street a "No Parking Any Time" zone. Also, a "No Parking Any Time" zone may need to be marked along the west (Ewa) side of East Manoa Road in the area of the three marked lanes makai of the East Manoa Road and Kolowalu Street intersection.
- 5) Laser Enforcement of Speeding – In an area like Manoa, laser speeding enforcement is done by an officer in a patrol car, not on a motorcycle.
- 6) Number of Officers – There are six beats in this sector, and there are usually four to five officers on duty at any one time (in the sector, not just in Manoa). Officers do randomly patrol areas as well.
- 7) Mail Theft – There haven't been any official reports of mail theft, but two people were observed stealing from a mail box. Report any mail theft. Prevent mail theft by purchasing a locking mailbox.

#### COMMUNITY INPUT:

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – The report was available.

Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Representative – Hubert Minn couldn't attend the meeting tonight; the Mayor's Newsletters were available.

Representative Kirk Caldwell [1] – (See report later in agenda.)

Senator Brian Taniguchi – The report was available.

Governor Linda Lingle's Representative – Larry Reifurth couldn't attend the meeting tonight; the Governor's Neighborhood Board Updates were available.

University of Hawaii (UH) Representative – Jim Manke offered the following information:

- 1) UH Centennial Concert – The UH Centennial Concert will be held on Monday, April 7, 2008, at the Blaisdell Concert Hall.
- 2) Spring Semester Almost Over – There are five weeks left in the spring semester, and six weeks until commencement.
- 3) Homecoming – The centennial celebrations will wrap up with the homecoming in October 2008.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Energy Output – Ground has been broken for a new transmitter which would produce 26,000 watts, compared to the 3,000 watts being produced now with the current transmitter. An environmental assessment (EA) was done for the new transmitter. Call 955-8821 for more information.

- 2) Text Messaging for Safety – UH has begun to implement a program that allows those who sign up to receive text messages if there is a campus crisis (involving an immediate threat to safety). Faculty and staff have already been allowed to sign up and the program is being tested before students will be permitted to sign up. To sign up, go to [www.hawaii.edu/alert](http://www.hawaii.edu/alert). It was suggested to offer the service to residents around UH to help them keep in contact with campus security.
- 3) Security Problems – Mr. Manke will follow up on a contact number for residents (security and/or HPD) if any security problems are witnessed at the Innovation Center, Lyon's Arboretum, or faculty housing.
- 4) Parking Structure Safety – There is currently additional security at the parking structure, and UH is monitoring the situation and investigating possible upgrades.

Residents and Others Not on Agenda [1] –

Haleiwa Metric Century Ride: The Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL) will hold the Haleiwa Metric Century Ride on April 27, 2008, which will run from Haleiwa to Swazy Beach in Kaaawa.

Hawaii Bicycling League (HBL): HBL's website is [www.hbl.org](http://www.hbl.org), and contains a great deal of information about bicycling.

Bike to Work Day: Friday, May 16, 2008 is "Bike to Work" day. Go to [www.hbl.org](http://www.hbl.org) for more information and to register for the event. It's preferred to have at least 500 bicyclists participating, to show support. The event focuses on using bicycles correctly and politely, while taking cars off the road. It was suggested to have showers available for the participants.

Manoa Valley District Park Dog Lovers: Appreciation was expressed to Mayor Mufi Hannemann, his representative Hubert Minn, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, and the Manoa Valley District Park Recreation Director, Elizabeth Tsaruda, for the installation of four new park benches and one trash can in the informal "dog park" area. It was pointed out that the "dog park" area in actuality serves to meet the social interaction needs of its human users, with the dogs serving as vehicles. Although the park is not specifically a dog park, a pilot program is being tested with on-leash walking of dogs.

Tanaka arrived at 7:39 p.m.; 13 members now present.

Ala Wai Watershed Clean-Up: On Saturday, April 12, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, there will be a clean-up done of the Ala Wai Watershed, organized by the Ala Wai Watershed Association (AWWA), as part of global Earth Day activities. The clean-up will begin on Woodlawn Drive at the bridge between Long's and the Innovation Center, and will cover Palolo and Manoa streams to the Ala Wai Canal. Over 400 volunteers are expected to participate in the clean-up.

Annual Scottish Festival: The Annual Scottish Festival will be held on April 5 and 6, 2008, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Kapiolani Park bandstand. There will be bands, clan tents, vendors, games, and a parade at noon. There may be haggis (a traditional Scottish dish made with a sheep's internal organs) available. All events are free, but registration is required for the highland sports, which are ongoing.

**The report of Representative Kirk Caldwell was taken up without objection.**

Representative Kirk Caldwell [2] – Rep. Caldwell apologized for being late, noted that the legislators are two-thirds of the way through the legislative session, and mentioned that bill highlights were attached to his report.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) Lowrey Avenue Construction Halted – Construction was about to begin on the Lowrey Avenue gutters but problems were discovered; the road is higher than the gutters and curbs, due to the numerous amounts of repaving.
- 2) Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) – CFLs, which are more efficient than normal light bulbs, contain mercury, which is a hazardous substance. Broken CFL bulbs could create a hazard. Eventually the sale of general purpose lights containing hazardous substances (like CFLS) will be prohibited. Although everyone should be more energy efficient, safety should not be overlooked.

Residents and Others Not on Agenda [2] –

East Honolulu Town Meeting: There will be an East Honolulu Town Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 14, 2008, at the Kalani High School Cafeteria (4680 Kalaniana'ole Highway). The public is invited to attend the meeting with Mayor Hannemann and key members of his staff to discuss rapid transit and recycling.

PRESENTATIONS:

University of Hawaii-Manoa (UHM) – Update on the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) – Kathleen Cutshaw, Vice Chancellor for Administration, Finance and Operations, introduced George Atta from Group 70, and they imparted the following information:

- 1) City Regulatory Requirements for an Interim Update – The City regulatory requirements for an interim update must be met, even though there currently isn't too much new to report. Reports on traffic, parking and engineering have been done. Full-scale updates will begin in the Fall 2008.
- 2) Sustainability – UH is moving toward sustainability, focusing on "green" roofs (allowing gardens on roofs), which would help to reduce storm water runoff. The campus is 60% hard surface, with many roofs available for retrofitting with gardens. Another aspect of the "green" roofs is to create more of a "Hawaiian" look using native plants. The goal is to receive all permits within five to ten years.
- 3) Parking – A consultant studied the parking situation for UH students in the areas surrounding UHM, and found that approximately 1,200 off-campus stalls are used by the students, faculty and staff. The LRDP includes a plan to construct two new parking structures: (a) one behind the Kennedy Theater with 360 stalls; and (b) one by the quarry adjacent to an existing parking structure with 900 stalls. The new structures should help to ease parking congestion in the communities surrounding UHM. There was previous discussion from the Board about the elimination of parking on University Avenue on the mauka-bound lanes between the Architecture building and Maile Way to open the right-hand lane during peak hours. Group 70 and UHM will propose this idea to the City.
- 4) Traffic – The parking (see above) and traffic proposals were based on two assumptions: (a) that UHM's population will not increase; and (b) the new transit system will not be serving UHM. A total of 14 major intersections used by students, faculty and staff were studied and the only one that would require mitigation would be the University Avenue and Dole Street intersection. The recommendation is to extend the off-ramp into an exclusive right-hand lane and add a second right-hand turn lane from Dole Street onto Lower Campus Road. UHM is not opposed to disallowing parking during the morning rush hour to improve traffic conditions.
- 5) New Buildings – There will be new buildings, and with no increase in school population, this will provide an increase in laboratory areas.
- 6) Drainage – A consult is assessing the capacity of the drainage ditch behind the Biomedical Building on the boundary of Mid Pacific Institute's campus. Flood mitigation is a top priority.
- 7) Wastewater – There will be consultations with the City to assure that wastewater flowing from the proposed buildings can be handled by the City's infrastructure (Dole Street).
- 8) Environmental Assessment (EA) and Plan Review Use (PRU) – The LRDP was approved by the UH Board of Regents in November 2007, prompting the preparation of an EA, which should be approved in June 2008. Additional information may be found online at [www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo). The PRU is required by the City for UHM to go forward with the project and will be filed in Summer 2008. The City Council will hold a public hearing, send it to committee and provide two additional opportunities for public input, before the Council decides to approve or deny the PRU.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) "Green" Roofs – The retrofitting of green roofs would be done on buildings and parking structures, depending on the slope, structure and load-bearing capability of the roof itself. So far, they have identified potential roofs, but haven't yet defined the parameters.

- 2) Bicycle-Friendly Campus – UHM is committed to encourage the use of bicycles, but is still studying some safety issues with bicyclists and pedestrians. In the longer range of the LRDP, the bicyclist and pedestrian needs will be addressed. The idea of raising parking fees to encourage bicycling was suggested. UHM parking fees will be increased over the next five years, after the public hearing process. UHM is trying to develop a partnership with the City to make more bicycle lanes, since many areas around UH are dangerous for bicyclists. It's currently against policy for bicyclists to ride on the campus sidewalks, but the policy is not enforced; bicyclists may still ride in the campus streets. It was offered that UHM needs to amend their policy to support bicyclists. Bicycle paths to the campus mall areas are needed. The bicycle issues may be addressed in the next phase of the LRDP.
- 3) Parking – Vice Chancellor Cutshaw will follow up on the current number of student requests for parking that can't be satisfied. Although the new 1,200 parking stalls should remove some parking congestion from the communities around UHM, people still like free parking.
- 4) Funding – The funding appropriation depends on the revenue-generating capacity.
- 5) Website – The LRDP is available online at [www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/longRange/2007\\_LRDP.pdf](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/ovcafo/longRange/2007_LRDP.pdf).
- 6) EA and PRU Timetable – The process has two steps: (a) preparation of the draft EA, waiting for the archaeological and cultural impact reports, which will be submitted in early Summer 2008; (b) submission of the application with six months of processing for the PRU permit. The EA and the PRU processes should be complete by the end of 2008.

Tanaka departed at 8:15 p.m.; 12 members now present.

- 7) Agency Coordination – Coordination with the State Department of Transportation (DOT) is necessary because of the importance of the University Avenue interchange.
- 8) New Degree – Vice Chancellor Cutshaw will follow up on the possibility of UHM offering a degree in sustainability development.

University of Hawaii (UH) Institute for Astronomy – Jim Harwood, a retired member of the institute, announced the Open House on April 27, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be presentations by astronomers created for the general public, but will still be interesting to more knowledgeable individuals. The Hawaii Astronomical Society will have a booth. The event will also include pictures of the universe and fun for children.

Hawaii Rifle Association (HRA) – Dr. Maxwell Cooper noted that House Bill 2999 (HB 2999), related to banning the Browning Machine Gun (BMG) and its .50 caliber ammunition, is no longer active in the legislature, but still wanted to discuss the issue. He circulated a handout and summarized the following:

- 1) HPD – HPD representatives conveyed inaccurate information about BMGs, although they personally have nine of the guns in their inventory. Many of the HRA members are police officers.
- 2) Firing Ranges – Private ranges are available on Oahu, and there are also military firing ranges. There is a public range on Maui, and one is being planned for West Hawaii.
- 3) No Crimes in U.S. Involving BMGs – There have been zero crimes in the U.S. involving BMGs.
- 4) BMG Use – BMGs were not developed as military weapons, but by civilian target shooters in 1982. The gun recoil is very modest. BMG are not "machine gun rifles" but are single-shot and semi-automatic rifles, firing only once with each pull of the trigger, designed for accurate long range target shooting. Only after civilians developed the BMGs did the military adopt them as special sniper equipment. Insurgent use of BMGs is relevant only in the Middle East.
- 5) Hunting – Although BMGs are not commonly used as hunting rifles because of their weight and power, some of HRA members use them for hunting.
- 6) BMG Range – The practical range of BMGs is 1,550 yards, and then only in the hands of highly trained personnel. Competitive target shooting is done at 1,000 yards. There are other hunting rifles in commonly

available calibers (not .50 caliber) that approach or reach the 1,000 to 1,500 yard range. The .50 caliber bullets stick into one-inch steel plate targets at 350 yards, without penetration, so the ammunition is not armor-piercing. Experts indicated that it's almost impossible to shoot down an airplane with a BMG.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) HPD Legislative Package – The HRA disagrees with the HPD legislative package only on HB 2999. If the bill was changed to specifically ban armor-piercing bullets, then the HRA would have no objections.
- 2) Governmental Control – Eads expressed that government influence over people's personal lives is increasing. A resident added that he would "rather be judged by twelve jurors than be carried by six pallbearers". In the long run, the size of the bullet doesn't matter, since any bullet can kill. The opposite position was also taken, that society is a group together making laws, and that just because an item exists doesn't mean that everyone should have it.

**The item relating to the consideration of a resolution in support of the HPD legislative package was taken up by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (12-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale).**

#### NEW BUSINESS [1]:

Resolution in Support of the Honolulu Police Department (HPD) 2008 Legislative Package (attached) – Heinrich introduced the resolution and noted that, due to the discussion on the previous agenda item, and that HB 2999 is no longer active in the legislature, the item relating to BMGs should be struck out of the resolution before any motion is made. The intent of the resolution is to support the general concepts of the HPD legislative package.

**Heinrich moved, and Andersen seconded, to adopt the Resolution in Support of Elements of the 2008 Honolulu Police Department Legislative Package (attached), which was ADOPTED, 9-2-1 (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto; No: Jackson, Ragsdale; Abstain: Nishioka).**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the February 6, 2008 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The approval of the February 6, 2008 regular meeting minutes was POSTPONED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (12-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale).**

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

#### NEW BUSINESS [2]:

Resolution Concerning Bicycle Safety (attached as amended) – Patricia Johnson, from the HBL, noted that the HBL created a new item no. 12 to put in the resolution, which was added before consideration began. She pointed out that Hawaii is the only state that educates fourth-graders on how to ride bicycles safely.

Questions, comments and concerns followed:

- 1) "Safe Routes" – Safe routes are federally defined as routes on or off the roadway that make it safe for children to go to and from school.
- 2) Dedicated Lanes – There are areas in Europe that have dedicated lanes for buses, cars and bicycles.
- 3) Endorsing HBL – Andersen asked if adopting this resolution, and endorsing HBL, would prevent any other organization from providing bicycle education. Ms. Johnson answered that the resolution isn't written to stop any other organizations from participating, and that many organizations support the resolution.
- 4) Funding – Nishioka pointed out that the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) may not have the funding to reconstruct roads to provide safe bicycle routes, especially with the congested street conditions on Oahu. Ms. Johnson urged everyone to watch a video short titled "Congested Streets".

**Heinrich moved, and Mitsuda seconded, to adopt the Resolution Related to Bicycle Safety (attached as amended). An amendment was made by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (12-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale), to reword the first resolving clause to read:**

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, That it urges the Mayor, the City and its relevant departments, and the Governor, the State and its relevant departments to improve conditions for bicyclists by:"

**The amended Resolution Related to Bicycle Safety (attached) was ADOPTED, 11-0-1 (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Mitsuda, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale; Abstain: Eads).**

Resolution in Opposition to City Council Resolution 07-379 (term limits for Neighborhood Board members) – Heinrich moved, and Chun seconded, that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 express its strong opposition to City Council Resolution 07-379 (related to term limits for Neighborhood Board members).

Discussion ensued:

- 1) Background – Heinrich and Eads explained that the idea of term limits for Neighborhood Board (NB) members came from the NB Task Force report, but it was only one of the suggestions in the report.

Mitsuda departed at 9:21 p.m.; 11 members now present.

- 2) Purpose of Introduction – Nishioka questioned why Councilmember Charles Djou introduced Council Resolution 07-379 (CR 07-379); Heinrich responded that there are those who support Bed and Breakfasts (B&Bs) and Transient Vacation Units (TVUs) who wanted some longtime Kailua Neighborhood Board No. 31 members off of the Board.

**The motion that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 express its strong opposition to City Council Resolution 07-379 (related to term limits for Neighborhood Board members) was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (11-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale).**

Resolution in Support of Additional Funding for the Ala Wai Watershed Flood Mitigation Efforts – Heinrich supplied that Sen. Taniguchi introduced Senate Bill 3201 (SB 3201) seeking \$500,000 in funding for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the planning, design and construction of alternatives to mitigate flooding to UHM facilities, Manoa Valley sites, and the entire Ala Wai Watershed. These funds are intended to supplement the ongoing efforts involving DLNR, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the City and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**Heinrich moved, and Ragsdale seconded, that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 supports the appropriation of \$500,000 to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources for the purpose of the Ala Wai Watershed Project.**

Discussion ensued:

Funding – Andersen inquired about the funding mechanisms; Heinrich replied that there is a specific requirement by DLNR to reimburse the money taken to make up for the shortfall of federal funding. This appropriation is not included in the administration's budget package.

**The motion that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 supports the appropriation of \$500,000 to the State Department of Land and Natural Resources for the purpose of the Ala Wai Watershed Project was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (11-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale).**

Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group Concerning Neighborhood Board (NB) System Governance Issues – Heinrich conveyed that the Neighborhood Commission adopted the new Neighborhood Plan (NP) on March 31, 2008; the new NP needs to be approved as to form by Corporation Counsel and Mayor Hannemann.

The new NP will extend Board members term by one month, from May 31 to June 30. Heinrich suggested the creation of a Permitted Interaction Group to follow the progress of the NP and NB governance.

**Heinrich moved, and Eads seconded, that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 establish a Permitted Interaction Group to take up matters pertaining to the Neighborhood Board system governance.**

Discussion ensued:

Permitted Interaction Group Allowed – Kim asked if the Board was allowed to create this group, if it's allowed by the current NP. Heinrich answered that it's provided for by State law, which overrides the NP.

**The motion that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 establish a Permitted Interaction Group to take up matters pertaining to the Neighborhood Board system governance was NOT ADOPTED, 8-0-3 (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Ragsdale; Abstain: Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka).**

Establishment of a Permitted Interaction Group Concerning Noise Problems – Heinrich stated that he didn't really want to establish a Permitted Interaction Group concerning noise problems; his intent was to present a resolution to that effect.

**The wording on the agenda was AMENDED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (11-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale) to read: Consideration of Resolution Concerning Noise Problems".**

**Heinrich moved, and Andersen seconded, to adopt the Resolution to Support and Urge the Enactment of Reasonable Noise Control Laws to Protect People's Physical and Mental Health (attached).**

Discussion ensued:

- 1) Support – A resident expressed his support of the resolution. He commented that there needs to be regulations to apply to everyone regarding noise, and that even 6:00 a.m. is too early to make noise.
- 2) Private Business – Andersen provided that he doesn't want to interfere with private commerce.
- 3) Background – Heinrich mentioned that there are noise problems everywhere, although he didn't specify in the resolution general aircraft noise, because of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).
- 4) Jurisdiction – Noise problems are issues for both the City and the State.
- 5) Current Regulations – The remaining noise regulations only apply to industrial and construction sites.

**The Resolution to Support and Urge the Enactment of Reasonable Noise Control Laws to Protect People's Physical and Mental Health (attached) was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT (11-0-0) (Aye: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Heinrich, Holtrop, Jackson, Kim, Nakano, Niimoto, Nishioka, Ragsdale).**

Further Discussion Regarding the 2212 Wilder Avenue Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Major Application – Heinrich disclosed that the Board received a notice from the City Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) that the application for the 2212 Wilder Avenue CUP Major was submitted, requesting a permit for a group facility for 10 students and one resident manager. Comments are due to DPP by April 18, 2008. A public hearing is required and will be held on May 6, 2008, at 10:30 a.m., at the Council Committee Meeting Room in City Hall.

#### BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Niimoto reported that the Operating Account reflected \$53.96 for printing and postage expenses, leaving the balance at \$485.80, the Publicity Account reflected \$209.52 for February 2008 videotaping expenses, leaving the balance at \$1,033.36, and the Refreshment Account reflected no expenses, leaving the balance at \$120.00.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting – The next Board meeting will be held on May 7, 2008, at Noelani Elementary School.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

Submitted by:

Rachel M. Glanstein, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by:

Paul Holtrop, Chair

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### **Resolution in Support of Elements of the 2008 Honolulu Police Department Legislative Package**

WHEREAS, The Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 is concerned with public safety matters and legislative affairs that affect our community; and

WHEREAS, The Honolulu Police Department has identified several key issues that should be addressed during the 2008 Regular Session of the State of Hawaii Legislature; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, That it supports proposed legislative to:

- 1) authorize state and county governments to rehire retired employees during labor shortages and for difficult-to-fill occupational areas without retirement benefit penalty (recruitment and retention);
- 2) require pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers to file daily electronic reports of their property transactions with the respective county police department (electronic pawn slips); and
- 3) allow retirement after 25 years of service for police radio dispatchers, as Class A retirement members (Section 88-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to all members of the State of Hawaii Legislature, the Governor, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, all members of the Honolulu City Council, Honolulu Police Chief Boisse Correa, and HPD Major Greg Lefcourt.

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Adopted, 9-2-1, by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 at its April 2, 2008 regular meeting.

### **Resolution Relating to Bicycle Safety**

WHEREAS, The voters passed City Charter Amendment 8 by approximately 77% in the 2006 general election asking the city to make Honolulu a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly city; and

WHEREAS, There are a large number of bicyclists that ride through the Manoa neighborhood, particularly in and around the University of Hawaii – Manoa and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, Many of the roads used by bicyclists and residents are poorly maintained; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of the state and county to ensure that the roads and paths that are marked as bike routes are safe and well maintained; and

WHEREAS, There has been an increase in traffic in the Manoa neighborhood and the surrounding communities bringing a greater chance of accidents with bicyclists occurring; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the City and County of Honolulu and State of Hawaii to encourage people to exercise, especially children; and

WHEREAS, The year-round good weather makes it possible to commute to work and school by bicycle, thus decreasing the number of cars on the road, clearing the air, and reducing our dependence on foreign oil; and

WHEREAS, The *Primary Urban Center Development Plan* states "key components of livability include residences within close proximity to ... recreational amenities, with facilities integrated in a manner that enhances accessibility and convenience, encourages walking and bicycling as alternative forms of mobility and promotes sidewalk activity" and the "Lei of Parks Concept Plan" in the *Honolulu Bicycle Master Plan* calls for "creating links between parks by means of shared-use paths designed for recreational bicycle riding"; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, That it urges the Mayor, the City and its relevant departments, and the Governor, the State and its relevant departments to improve conditions for bicyclists by:

1. Developing new bike paths, routes or bikeways in all communities.
2. Maintaining and improving all existing bike lanes, routes and paths in the urban center.
3. Placing bike racks in all city, county and state parks.
4. Implementing procedures for the safe placement of temporary construction signs and equipment so as not to intrude in bike lanes.
5. Enforcing existing parking regulations.
6. Restriping, painting and cleaning the existing bike lanes and routes on all major streets and roads.
7. Regularly trimming trees, bushes and grass and clearing sand and gravel that encroach on bike lanes and shoulders along all major streets and roads.
8. Including input from the bicycling community on ways to improve safety for bicyclists during construction projects and the final design.
9. Maintaining and not paving over traffic sensor loops at intersections in order to allow bicyclists to easily trigger a change in signal lights.
10. Including additional bicycle safety questions in the state driver's license exam.
11. Continuing funding for the Hawaii Bicycling League's BikeEd program, which had been educating fourth grade students how to ride bicycles safely since 1988.
12. Implementing Bike and Walk School Buses under the Federal Safe Routes to School program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Bicycle Safety Resolution be transmitted to: the Governor of the State of Hawaii, State of Hawaii Department of Transportation, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Senate President Colleen Hanabusa, House Speaker Calvin Say, City Council members, the City Departments of Transportation Services, Planning and Permitting, Parks and Recreation, and Facilities Maintenance, all Neighborhood Boards, Hawaii Bicycling League, Senator Kim and Representative Mizuno.

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### **Resolution to Support and Urge the Enactment of Reasonable Noise Control Laws to Protect People's Physical and Mental Health**

WHEREAS, The Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 has received numerous complaints concerning the proliferation of noise at all times of the day and night caused by a variety of non-emergency vehicle sources and activities – including refuse collection vehicles and bin relocation operations; landscaping equipment (lawnmowers, weedwackers, leafblowers, etc.); loud engines and mufflers (or lack thereof) of automobiles, motorcycles, and mopeds; vehicle back-up warning beepers; construction site activities; and heavy equipment operation; and

WHEREAS, These activities often occur at unreasonable times during the early morning, evening, night, and weekend hours, causing disruptions to sleep and other activities, and interfering with generally accepted "quiet time" periods especially in apartment and residential areas, thereby significantly interfering with people's quality of life and causing physical and mental health stress and harm; and

WHEREAS, Many of these activities – especially private refuse collection activities – are apparently no longer governed by any noise control regulations of the State of Hawaii Department of Health or other State or county agencies, therefore leaving law enforcement agencies with no authority by which to respond to complaints by affected persons, and residents disturbed by the activities no protection of law; and

WHEREAS, It is reported that there had been noise control regulations in place as recently as about 2001, but those regulations had been repealed except as relating to industrial facilities and construction activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, That it supports and urges the enactment of reasonable and responsible noise control laws for the purpose of protecting people's physical and mental health, and improving the quality of life of our island community, especially in apartment and residential areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Hawaii Legislature, State Department of Health, and Honolulu City Council are urged to enact appropriate, reasonable, and responsible statutes, rules, and ordinances for the control of noise (e.g., permissible hours of operation, level, duration, type) as soon as possible; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be transmitted to all members of the State of Hawaii Legislature, the Governor, the Director of the Department of Health, the Chief of the Noise, Radiation and Indoor Air Quality Branch of the Department of Health, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, all members of the Honolulu City Council, and the Chairs of each Neighborhood Board.

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