



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2010** **NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETORIUM**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Milton Ragsdale called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with **a quorum of 11 members present**. This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members for a quorum and to conduct any official Board business.

Members Present: George Simson, Gary Andersen, Rodney Chun (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Eric Eads, Dwight Jackson, Kimberly Case (left 9:30 p.m.), Kaleo Gagne, Robert Whitaker, Tom Heinrich, Milton Ragsdale, Andrew Garrett, and Martin Eby.

Members Absent: John Kim, Kendall Amazaki, and Nadine Nishioka.

Vacancies: There are two vacancies: Sub District 1 (Woodlawn) and Sub District 3 (Central Manoa).

GUESTS: State Senator Brian Taniguchi: Lt. C. Tong, Sgt. E. Egami, and Officer T. Kahapea (Honolulu Police Department); Firefighter Richard Paiva (Honolulu Police Department), Greg Takayama and Dyan Kleckner (University of Hawaii-Manoa), Ron Boyer (Governor's Representative), Sarita Corn, Maya Grossman and Tama Fukuyama (Homeward Bound 5K), City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Grace Furukawa, Ben Park, Tony Vossbrink, Daniel Midler, Ron Lockwood (McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board No. 8), Warren and Napua Wong (Paradise Park), Bob Kern, and Gloria Gaines (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

ANNOUNCEMENT: It was announced that subject to action to be taken at this meeting the venue for the next regular meeting of the Manoa Neighborhood Board to be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. will be determined either a location on the University of Hawaii-Manoa campus or at the Noelani Elementary School cafeteria.

At 7:05 p.m., Chun arrived; **12 members present**.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Firefighter Paiva reported the following:

- **Statistics for June** – Included were 32 medical emergencies and 3 search and rescue, and 6 miscellaneous calls. There were no major or unusual incidents reported.
- **Fire Safety Tip** – Cigarettes and other smoking materials are the leading cause of fire deaths in the United States. When smoking cigarettes, smoke outside and use deep, wide ashtrays placed on a sturdy table. Prior to discarding cigarette butts and/or ashes, ensure they are completely extinguished by dousing them with water or sand. A child as young as two years old can start a fire. Keep matches and lighters in a secured area out of children's sight and reach. Educate children that lighters and matches are tools, not toys.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. **Fire in Kalama Valley** –The Manoa firefighters were relocated to the Kalama Valley station during the Fourth of July fire in Kalama Valley.
2. **Fireworks on Beach** – Setting off fireworks is not permitted on the beach. Residents may use the fireworks only on their property with a permit.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Calvin Tong introduced Sgt. Eric Egami, Officer Anthony Kahapea and provided members with a report.



- Statistics for June – Included 19 burglaries, 20 thefts, and 6 unauthorized entries to a motor vehicle. Report concerns to the Community Policing Team or Neighborhood Security Watch by calling 529-3628 for assistance.
- Safety Tip – Pay attention while driving and do not get distracted. Do not use an electronic device or cell phone while driving. Officers are looking out for motorists using cell phones while driving.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS: There were no nominees or volunteers at this time. Residents may contact the Neighborhood Commission Office at 768-3710 for more information.

ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: **Andersen nominated Gagne; there being no other nominations, the Board UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED Kaleo Gagne as Chair for the 2010 to 2011 term, 12-0-0 (Ayes:** Simson, Andersen, Chun, Eads, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby).

There was discussion that an absent board member must express interest before being nominated. **Case nominated Kim and Simson nominated Whitaker for First Vice Chair. There being no other nominations, a roll call vote was taken and the Board ELECTED Whitaker as First Vice Chair for the 2010 to 2011 term, 9-2-1 (Ayes:** Simson, Andersen, Eads, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby; **Nay:** Chun and Jackson; **Abstention:** Case).

Whitaker nominated Eby for Second Vice Chair, there being no other nominations, the Board UNANIMOUSLY Elected Eby as Second Vice Chair for the 2010 to 2011 term, 12-0-0 (Ayes: Simson, Andersen, Chun, Eads, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby).

Eads nominated himself for Secretary; there being no other nominations, the Board ELECTED Eads as Secretary for the 2010 to 2011 term, 11-0-1 (Ayes: Simson, Chun, Andersen, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby; **Abstention:** Eads).

Ragsdale nominated Garrett for Treasurer; there being no other nominations, the Board UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED Garrett as Treasurer for the 2010 to 2011 term, 12-0-0 (Ayes: Simson, Andersen, Chun, Eads, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby).

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT:

University of Hawaii at Manoa – Gregg Takayama reported the following:

- Memorial Services – Memorial services will be held at the UH Law School for the late Chief Justice William S. Richardson from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday July 8 The Board was invited. There will be free parking in the parking structure. The State Deputy Sheriffs will be a directing traffic in the parking structure.
- Computer Hacker – A computer hacker accessed the UH-Manoa parking office data base. UH-Manoa notified 53,000 people whose records were stored in the parking office computer. Among these were 42,000 social security numbers and 200 credit card numbers. UH is in the process of notifying by mail those people letting them know their social security or credit card number was exposed to take, monitor monthly bank statements, and redirecting them to apply thru email a free access credit monitoring service. A help line is available at the UH to find out if your name was accessed. Call 808-956-6000 on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. UH Community Colleges – Anyone that was employed by the UH from 1998, was probably part of the 53,000 people whose information was exposed, including the community colleges. Also included are those who applied for parking permits, paid charges, etc. There is no evidence of how information was exposed and not sure if the information was used.
2. Emergency Crisis Management Program – Takayama will provide member with a copy of the UH emergency communication plan that is used during a disaster. In addition to contacting the UH community by email or voice mail, an emergency alert system includes notifying the neighboring

schools of Mid Pac and St. Francis High Schools to not send students to UH for field trips.

3. Computer Hacker – Comment made that the computer hacker incident was a serious matter and hope that UH gets better help with UH computers. Takayama informed the parking server was equipped with the latest computer and most modern virus protection standards approved by UH.
4. UH Taro Patches – Punahou High School students visited the taro patches and was an excellent exercise for the students to know of the history of the area and working in the taro patches. The taro patch is available to the public the first Saturday of each month. Comments will be conveyed to the Hawaiian Studies Program. The Hawaiian Studies Program is in the process of expending the Hale for additional classes.
5. Cost of Renovations – Case requested for the cost of renovations for college hill and also wondered why no one is living there. Takayama will follow up on this concern.

The agenda was taken out of order to agenda item 7.7 addressing UH-Manoa's invitation to hold the next regular Manoa Neighborhood Board meeting at UH-Manoa campus.

Consideration of Proposal to Hold the Manoa Neighborhood Board's August 4, 2010 Regular Meeting on the University of Hawaii at Manoa Campus – It was mentioned that UH-Manoa invited both Manoa and McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Boards to meet on campus in August, 2010. One of the alternatives discussed with McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board's Chair Lockwood, was whether to consolidate into a joint meeting of both Boards and make UH the major focus with chancellor and vice chancellor making a presentation; being that Wednesday, August 4 is Manoa Neighborhood Board's next meeting and Thursday, August 5 is McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board's meeting. Also, the possibility of having one meeting on a Wednesday or Thursday, or another day for all the UH people. Takayama informed that the meeting site will be the Wong Hospitality Room at the Stan Sherriff Center.

Following the discussion, **Heinrich moved and Ragsdale seconded that the Manoa NB accept the UH-Manoa invitation to hold the Manoa Neighborhood Board's regular meeting of August 2010 on the UH-Manoa campus with a date and place to be determined in the next three (3) weeks and consider the possibility of a joint meeting with McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board No. 8.**

A discussion included the following: 1) That if the candidate forum should be planned before the primary then it must be discussed at the August Board meeting with or without McCully-Moiliili Neighborhood Board; 2) Board meeting agendas always include community input; every member of the audience has the opportunity to be heard; 3) Simson noted that residents should not be intimidated by the UH-Manoa; 4) and although this item is to be discussed later on the agenda, Heinrich would be proposing a motion for a PIG to plan the candidate forums that would be handled independently from a special meeting. **The motion WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 12-0-0 (Ayes: Simson, Andersen, Chun, Eads, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby).** The agenda resumed order.

Mayor's Representative – Hubert Minn reported the following:

- Traffic Light Sensors – A resident was concerned that the traffic light sensors at three intersections are either not re-installed or not functioning; creating traffic congestion that wasn't there when the sensors were operating. The intersections are located at the Kamanele Park at University Avenue/Ka'ala Street, Lanihuli Drive/Manoa Road, and Kalawao Street/East Manoa Road. The repaving of the roads at those intersections affected the traffic sensors which has since been re-adjusted and are working properly.
- Status of House on 2545 Manoa Road – The City, by eminent domain, condemned the 2545 Manoa Road house, and has been removed.
- 2010-2011 City Budget – City Council adopted the City Budget, 9-0, on July 1, 2010. The City's budget is 1% higher than the current year.
- Environmental Protection Agency Issue – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Honolulu government announced a settlement Monday, June 28, 2010 aimed at ending years of lawsuits and potential sanitation threats. The City was granted an extended construction schedule to upgrade two of

Honolulu's sewage plants. The Honolulu City Council is set to review the settlement in July 2010. Final approval still has to come from a federal court judge and the justice department.

- Federal Environmental Agency (FEA) – The FEA approved the final environmental assessment and approved the Environmental Impact Study (EIS). The EIS was forwarded to Governor Lingle for her signature. Once the Governor signs the EIS, the rail project can proceed.
- Notification of Sirens – The Department Emergency Services sends out press releases announcing siren warnings testing. Siren warnings testing notices are done same day; if too early, the community will forget.
- Honolulu Zoo – The Honolulu Zoo has made some changes and included its new parking lot with different type of payment system; there will be no parking meters; a new entrance to the Honolulu Zoo, as well as a new elephant exhibit, and the new arrival of a male tiger.
- Neal Blaisdell Center – Upcoming performing art productions include the Beauty and the Beast and Cats. Also, the Temptations will be doing a concert.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Liquor License for Waikiki Shell – In response to a concern raised of whether the liquor license for Waikiki Shell has been withheld, Minn noted that it is difficult maintaining minors from drinking alcohol during concerts, especially when adults are buying the liquor for the minors. This is an issue with the concessions, who are working with the liquor commission on this matter.
2. New and Improved Asphalt – A concern raised by member Simson about the new and improved asphalt topping for roads resurfacing and how well the product works. Minn will refer this concern to the appropriate department for follow-up.
3. Trees on Wilder Avenue – It was stated that residents should have been informed of trees recently planted along Wilder Avenue and Beretania Street to help water the trees. A resident of Wilder Avenue noticed the City have been watering the trees twice a week. Point of order by Heinrich noted that members must be recognized by the Chair before speaking.
4. Puowaina Street Culvert – Heinrich acknowledged Thomas Takeuchi of the City's Department of Facility Maintenance Road Division for assisting with finding out whether it was a City issue or private jurisdiction issue. The concerned area was located immediately upstream from the City parcel where the Puowaina pedestrian bridge was demolished by the 2004 flood.
5. LED Street Lamps at Manoa District Park – Several months ago the street lamps were switched to LED lighting at Manoa District Park and more than \$100,000 of electrical cost savings was reported. Other Boards also expressed interest in switching to LED street lamps, and what may be in the DPR budget this year and what the program expansion may be based on improvements and lighting and especially by the tremendous savings of switching over to LED. Minn stated that the City is still exploring LED lightings, are very expensive, but the LED in Manoa seemed to be working well, and have made a difference.

Governor's Representative – Ron Boyer provided a recap of this year's legislative session:

- Proposed Bills for Law – Of the 259 proposed new laws, 211 became law, of that 26 was not signed by Governor Lingle, 11 were vetoed/overridden, and 47 were vetoed and the veto stands.
- Broadband Stimulus Funds – U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye held a hearing on the Federal stimulus funds that were awarded to various entities, including the military, the state, and the counties. The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) participated in that hearing because of the broadband stimulus money of \$1.9 million which was received earlier to implement a broadband data collection and mapping. Last week, a second proposal for \$2.4 million stimulus broadband money was submitted.
- Judicial Nominees – Governor Lingle has four judicial vacancies considering nominees for. There are three circuit court positions and the position of chair of Hawaii Supreme Court. The judicial selection

commission submitted to the Governor a list of names for those 4 positions. The Governor has offered the public an opportunity to “weigh-in” on those names. If interested, contact the Governor’s office by Monday, July 12, 2010 and submit your opinions. The Governor will send her appointments to Senator Taniguchi’s Judicial and Government Operations Committee, who will then hold hearings. A special session by the full senate will follow.

- Paid Access Provider Olelo – Oceanic Time-Warner Cable is the sole cable television franchisee statewide and as part of the franchisee agreement with the State requires the cable provider to provide a certain amount of channels for public access; in this case, Time-Warner provides six channels to the paid access provider, Olelo. Boyer explained the origin of Olelo and reasons Olelo remains as the paid access provider until a legal decision is determined to require an RFP bid for the paid access provider.

State Representative Isaac Choy – Rep. Choy provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Hale Kipa at Loulu Street – On Monday, June 28, 2010, a public informational meeting held at Manoa Elementary School was attended by two hundred people who were concerned about the youths-at-risk teenagers residing at the Loulu Street Hale Kipa facility. The community was informed that the Loulu Street Hale Kipa facility is closed and the property may be for sale when the market improves. Both the State and Hale Kipa admitted that it is difficult to control the actions of teenagers. Teenagers are also being housed at Hale Kipa’s Damon Street facility. The state is now looking into ways of adding more supervision into Hale Kipa’s contract. Rep. Choy is waiting for a response from the State as to what steps are being considered to internal and external monitoring of the teenagers. The Hale Kipa Hotline is 754-7860 to report any type of incidents, and Hale Kipa has committed to will respond within an hour.

Questions, comments, and concerns:

1. Tourist with Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) Cards – Tourist was noticed using EBT cards for macadamia nuts and frappacinos and if unable to use EBT cards will get it with cash. A comment was that greater control is needed to limit abuse of EBT card. Rep. Choy explained that the control is at the register where EBT is used for food items only. Hot or prepared food items cannot be purchased.
2. One Hour Response Time – In case of an incident, a one hour response time from Hale Kipa is not acceptable and suggested calling HPD who will respond with ten minutes. Rep. Choy noted that the hotline number applies to the teenagers living at the Damon Street facility that does not have incidents reported, and that having a hotline is a way of building a relationship with Hale Kipa. A comment was that residents should not be afraid to live in the Manoa area.

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi – Councilmember Kobayashi provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Bulky Item Pickup – At the Public Infrastructure meeting, the bulky item bill was discussed. This bill would issue up to \$500 for items left in front of property owner’s house. Kobayashi is concerned that the residents should not be cited for the bulky items left in front of their house by someone else. Kobayashi welcomed ideas or suggestions from the residents.
- Final EIS for Rail Project – On Wednesday, July 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m., the City Council will be taking comments on the final EIS for the rail project. Residents were encouraged to enter comments at that time.
- Fireworks Ban – At the City Council hearing last week the fireworks ban passed second reading. HPD and HFD stated at the hearing that it is difficult to enforce the laws that we have now and if fireworks were banned then there would be no fireworks sold in the stores. Then if someone set off fireworks, it will be illegal. The McCully-Moilili Neighborhood Board took a vote and supported the ban of all fireworks and would like to know what the feeling is from the Manoa Neighborhood Board.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Comments to Fireworks – The City for a short period of time did ban all fireworks. Kobayashi stated that if the City could enforce the laws we have now, stop the aerials, and just have fireworks during the hours

when permitted, there wouldn't be a problem. Kobayashi asked that residents' comments be made at the City Council hearing on Wednesday, July 14, 2010. Chinese cultural traditions should not be taken away.

2. Comments to Bulky Item Bill – Call 911 to report someone dumped bulky items in front of your house. Installing cameras to catch the people dumping trash in front of your house would be helpful.

State Senator Brian Taniguchi – Senator Taniguchi provided members with a report and highlighted the following:

- Legislature – Under the constitution, the legislature could have convened on Tuesday, July 6, 2010 before noon to override vetoes by Governor Lingle. However, the legislature did not convene, as the House chose not to meet although the Senate was willing.
- Senate to Convene – The senate will convene sometime in August, 2010 for judicial appointments. The judicial appointments and confirmation process was explained in detail.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Third in Charge for Hawaii – Senator Taniguchi will check if the Speaker of the House would be the next in charge should the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Hawaii should be in dispose. Also explained that the governor received the judicial appointments after the legislative session closed and will need to convene session.
2. Judicial Selection Commission – A resident was concerned that an extra session for the judicial appointments could have been avoided if the judicial nomination list was submitted earlier to the Governor, perhaps earlier in the legislative session.

Residents and Other for Matters not on the Agenda –

1. Study of Striped Streets – According to resident, streets were striped off from upper Manoa Road to Puowaina Street, with extra striping for parking and turn out areas for sidewalk. According to residents this was done during the term of the late Councilmember Duke Bainum. Resident asked if the striping of the streets mentioned helped reduce the number or traffic incidents, pedestrian concerns, and car accidents in the area and would like to know if a follow up study was done after the striping. If the study proves that striping did in fact help reduce the number of traffic incidents, than street striping should be extended to the rest of Manoa. This concern will be reported as a Mayor's concern by the Mayor's representative.
2. Five Corners Update – The resident also shared concern about the situation at four corners and requested for an update of pedestrian crossings and sidewalks, and would like to know if anything is being done for the safety of pedestrians. Vossbrink suggested that lit sidewalks placed on timers at sunset and sunrise will let the motorists and pedestrians know where the sidewalk begins and ends. This concern was also reported as a Mayor's concern by the Mayor's representative.
3. Graffiti Concern – The resident also reported graffiti on a stop sign and on a directional sign at the five corners that needs to be removed. This concern was also reported as a Mayor's concern by the Mayor's representative.
4. Request for Details of June 30, 2010 Incident – To find out why HPD patrol cars were speeding towards Manoa Elementary School without headlights during the early morning of June 30th, Chair Gagne provided the resident with a contact number for HPD.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members via Ed-mail, Mail, or Telephone: None.

At this time, Chair recognized Simson who provided members with a handout, "Root Model Manoa Neighborhood Board" which reviewed the following items:

1. Premise – Return to basic idea in the City Charter of Citizen Participation.
2. Sign of a Civil Society – Debate and differ without calling if treachery, without rancor, but with

incisiveness, strength, and clarity.

3. Time Ratio Change – Change time for testimony from a ration of 7:1 government officials to citizens to about 3:1 citizens to government officials. Officials can introduce their pet topics, but citizen commentary is what's important. Even the MNB should get into the act.
4. Recognition – Correct names of all citizen participants should be in the minutes. (Stimulates citizen participation).
5. Information for all Manoa – Manoa consists of an information-prone citizenry. Simson recommended that the Board support on the year's agenda, a presentation of the new demography based on the 2010 census when it is finalized. Simson also recommended that the Manoa Neighborhood Board encourage (subscriptions, humanities grant, etc.) writing of a full and complete history of Manoa.
6. Long-Range Agenda Committee – Establish an informal long-range agenda committee to constantly search for and advise the Board about ways to improve the discovery and dissemination of information – air, earth, fire, water, social, political, cultural, past, present, future – about Manoa.

The discussion was postponed to Planning of future Meeting Presentations and Topics, which was acknowledged by Simson.

NEW BUSINESS:

Update on the Hale Kipa Program Conducted at 3593 Loulu Street – Previously reported by Senator Isaac Choy.

Update on the Public Safety Issues Related to the Fence Installed Curbside at 2545 Manoa Road (Koko Head side between Aleo Place and Kuahine Drive) – Item discussed during the Mayor's Representative report. Heinrich commented that the fence was removed and pedestrians no longer need to step onto the road to get by. The City did condemn the property, which is the area Ewa of the short wall. The curbside at 2545 Manoa Road issue was completed.

A resident raised a concern about other properties with the same general problem and the 2545 Manoa Road property and whether it will be addressed as a general problem or one at a time as they arise. Heinrich stated it is the position of the executive branch and Councilmember Ann Kobayashi to take only those steps that were necessary, that other parcels were left "un-squared" for over 60 years ago, and the problem could resurface. The issue with the 2545 Manoa Road property was created by the landowner.

Consideration of Proposal for "Homeward Bound" 5K Race in Manoa on Sunday, December 19, 2010 – Race Directors Tama Fukuyama and Maya Grossmann informed residents of the 2nd Annual Homeward Bound 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. and requested the Board's approval and a letter of concurrence from the Board supporting the event. The letter must be submitted with the road permit application. The purpose of the event is to fight the homeless problem Hawaii by raising money to donate to the Institute of Human Services (IHS). Anyone interested to sponsor the 5K run/walk race event can logon to homewardbound5K.blogspot.com or homewardbound5K@gmail.com.

Ragsdale moved Whitaker seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 support the "Homeward Bound" 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 7:00 a.m., using a route in the center of Manoa Valley, and copies of the letter be sent to appropriate individuals. Comments noted that last year's 5K run/walk was well done last year with 360 participants; and that the Pope Pius Church will be notified of the event and HPD will assist with traffic for church access. **The motion was ADOPTED, 12-0-0 (Ayes: Simson, Andersen, Chun, Eads, Jackson, Case, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, and Eby).** The agenda resumed order.

Consideration of Proposed Resolution concerning the Proposed Re-opening of Paradise Park, 3737 Manoa Road, TMK (1)2-9-054:018 – Heinrich received from Napua Wong a copy of the June 22, 2010 letter that was submitted to Mr. Samuel Lemo, Administrator of Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR). After a review of the letter, Heinrich noted that the letter is consistent with Wong's presentation; that the nature of what is proposed is more consistent that was in the past; that there is a direct indication in the letter that a public hearing will be held by DLNR; and Ms. Wong would like acknowledgement from the Board expressing support for what was proposed used as what presented at the last month's Board meeting. The letter also stated that current activity on the park grounds is the continued operation of with the Tree Top restaurant.

Heinrich moved and Ragsdale seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7, having received a presentation by a Paradise Park representative on June 2, 2010, express: (1) its support for the re-opening of Paradise Park to offer gardens and collaborative activities that are designed to celebrate the hula, its role in Hawaiian culture, and its relationship to the natural environment and sustainable practices; and (2) that the proposed use is consistent with the long-term vision for educational, conservation, research, and recreational activities for the “Manoa Mauka” area and ongoing initiatives and coordination of efforts by the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Lyon Arboretum, State Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu Board of Water Supply, the private landowners, and other interested parties to realize that vision.

A discussion of following comments: 1) That the motion is premature; 2) that it is uncertain if this is a 501c.3 business; 3) what type of traffic is expected and if buses are to be expected, how many per day; 4) what the opinions are of those residents that might be impacted by the increased activity; 5) what provisions are planned for ADA compliance; 6) whether the gardens would be made of native plants; 7) and what kind of provisions would prevent introduction of invasive plant species into the valley. These concerns are expected to be addressed by the Paradise Park at the public hearing.

In support of the Paradise Park presentation, it was noted that the plan to remove invasive plant species and to promote native plants were discussed at the presentation; that the presentation was thorough; that all questions were answered satisfactorily; that the public had ample notice to attend the presentation to the Board; and that there is time for community input at the public hearing, which is a requirement of the process. Furthermore, the proposed plan to honor the halau, to remove invasive species, and to promote Hawaiian native plants is long overdue for that area; is well within the conservation designation land use of DLNR; and that Paradise Park is not adding anymore facilities or buildings and will work the current facility into their plan. For those who would like to see the presentation, contact Paradise Park to request a copy of the presentation.

There was hesitation supporting Paradise Park’s proposed plan as business. That one should review the kind of changes Paradise Park is proposing and whether it fits in the community. Additional comments noted that the project would perpetuate the Hawaiian heritage, whether or not it increases buses or traffic, would be a chance to give the tourist industry a boost. Further noted, that it doesn’t matter whether the project was operated for profit or non-profit as long as it is being done for the good of the community and good for the culture. **The motion WAS ADOPTED, 9-2-1 (Ayes: Chun, Eads, Jackson, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, Eby; Nays: Andersen and Simson; Abstention: Case).**

At 9:30 p.m., member Case left; **11 members present.**

Consideration of Public Safety Issues Related to the 2800 Block Area of Waiialae Avenue at the Approach to the H-1 Freeway Westbound On-Ramp – The 2800 Block of Waiialae Avenue was reported as a dangerous situation for pedestrians using the sidewalk since the State removed the concrete barriers. According to Heinrich, elected officials received numerous complaints and photos of some of the accidents and changes in that area. The State Department of Transportation (DOT) removed the concrete barriers located westbound on the Makai side of Waiialae Avenue because it interfere wheelchair pedestrian access, an Americans with Disability Act (ADA) concern. The State has no plan and no budget to do anything further.

Heinrich moved and Eby seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 strongly urge the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and State Department of Transportation to promptly address the public safety concerns at the 2800 block of Waiialae Avenue, including reinstatement of the concrete barriers. The motion WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (Ayes: Chun, Eads, Jackson, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, Eby, Simson, and Andersen).

Discussion of Pending Honolulu City Council Legislation Related to Fireworks – Previously reported by Councilmember Ann Kobayashi.

Consideration of Proposal to Sponsor or Co-Sponsor One or More Candidate Forums for the 2010 Elections – **Heinrich moved and Ragsdale seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 either sponsor or co-sponsor one or more candidate forums for the 2010 elections.** There was a discussion of whether it should be a candidate debate versus candidate forum; that it would good to meet candidates before the primary election; and that if adopted, all members were encouraged to participate in the PIG. **The motion was ADOPTED, 10-0-1**

(Ayes: Chun, Eads, Jackson, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, Eby, and Simson; **Abstention:** Andersen).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and Prioritization of Possible Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects for the Manoa Neighborhood Board District and Adjacent Areas; Consideration of Proposed Resolutions – Per Heinrich, this item to remain on agenda as capital improvement projects occur.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING:

Approval of the June 2, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes – **The APPROVED the June 2, 2010 regular meeting minutes as corrected (11-1-0) (Ayes:** Chun, Jackson, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, Eby, and Simson and Andersen; **(Abstention:** Eads). The corrections are as follows:

1. Page 1, under Members Present, “Andersen” is misspelled, should be “**Andersen**”.
2. Page 2, under HFD, Safety Tip for the Month, “wildland” should be “**wild land**”.
3. Page 4, under Trip to China, delete “land” and replace with “**and**”.
4. Page 7, under Existing Structures, insert last sentence, “**Andersen inquired of Wong if the plans were ADA compliant. Wong stated that the plans must be ADA compliant.**”
5. Page 7, under Large Exotic Birds, insert after residents, “...**Board member Andersen**...”.
6. Page 7, under New Business, insert after the word issue, “...**request**...”; and
7. Page 7, under New Business, insert last sentence, “**Chair Kim will add this item to next month’s agenda.**”
8. Page 7, under Proposed Reorganization of UH-M’s Pacific Biosciences Research Center, insert punctuation comma after the word “summary,” and insert “**Chair**”.
9. Page 8, under Videotaping for 2010-2011, delete “\$250 per month for the next fiscal year from the Publicity Account for the videotaping of 10 Board meetings” and insert, “...**expend the balance of the publicity account for video taping services.**”
10. Page 8, under Facility Rental Fees/Contract, insert last sentence, “**Andersen suggested exploring alternate venues for the Board meetings.**”
11. Page 8, under Polling Places for this Fall’s Elections Changed for both Primary and General Elections, delete “St.” and insert “**Pope**”.

Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Garrett reported the Operating Account balance to date was \$496.19; \$54.40 was expended for printing and postage of agenda and minutes. The publicity account balance was \$250. The report was filed.

Permitted Interaction Group – **Heinrich moved and Ragsdale seconded that a Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) establishing up to eight members to do the planning of any candidate forums WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, 11-0-0 (Ayes:** : Chun, Eads, Jackson, Gagne, Whitaker, Heinrich, Ragsdale, Garrett, Eby, Simson, and Andersen). Chair appointed Eads as PIG Chair. Andersen volunteered.

At this time, Simson acknowledged that the discussion regarding his proposed “Root Model Manoa Neighborhood Board” that was postponed to Planning of future Meeting Presentations and Topics, will be deferred and discussed at the next Board meeting.

Due the 10:00 p.m. closure of the meeting room, the remaining agenda items have been deferred and the meeting adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT: Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Recorded and Submitted By: Gloria Gaines, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed By: Kaleo Gagne, Chair