



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012** **NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Eric Eads called the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. with a **quorum of 11 members present**. Chair Eads introduced the Board members present. Note - This 17-member Board requires nine (9) members to establish a quorum and take official Board action.

Members Present - Gary Andersen, Rodney Chun, Sarita Corn, Eric Eads, Martin Eby, Kaleo Gagne, Philmund Lee, Nadine Nishioka, Milton Ragsdale, George Simson and Ellen Watson.

Members Absent - Grant Fasi-Allison.

Guests - State Representative Isaac Choy; Bridget Palmer Holthus (Mayor's Representative, Department of Community Services, Deputy Director); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi and Jarret Yip (Councilmember Ann Kobayashi's Office staff); Tom Heinrich (Neighborhood Commission Office, Executive Secretary), Ofcr. Erik Egami and Ofcr. Grant Ching (Honolulu Police Department); Dominic Dias (Board of Water Supply); Elmer Kaai (University of Hawaii - Manoa), R. Ferdun, Andrew Garrett (Communications Pacific), Meg Lin (Malama Manoa), Bob Kern, Micki Stash, Richard Salvador (University of Hawaii Center for Indigenous Leadership and Peace Making), Warren and Napua Wong (Paradise Park), Dave Amodo and assistant (Videographers); and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) - No representative was present and no report was available.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) - Ofcr. Grant Ching reported the following:

- January 2012 Statistics - As the computer was "down," he will e-mail the report later. Visit the website at - hpd.org/d7.
- Safety Tips for Kids - Ofcr. Ching distributed a handout with several tips for kids, when they are outside or playing and when they are at home.

Anderson departed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.; **10 members present**.

Comments followed:

1. Noise Violations - After 15 to 30 minutes, a citation can be issued. HPD will first try to locate the owner of the dog or car. After a first warning, then a citation may come.
2. Scam? - A Board member reported a person soliciting auto dent repairs. HPD mentioned that he may have been an unlicensed mechanic, as he asked for cash payment and offered no references. HPD advised to call 911 and it will investigate.
3. Increase in Burglaries and Thefts - HPD will increase "saturation" patrols and "showing a presence."
4. Condolences for Ofcr. Garrett Davis - The Board extended its condolences.
5. Safety Tips - Parents, be watchful when children are playing. Be aware of "scam artists," and start a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW) with 10 people. There were more "plain clothes" arrests.

Anderson returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.; **11 members present**.

COMMUNITY REPORTS AND INPUT

Residents and Others for Matters Not on the Agenda

1. Waikiki Regional Circulator Study - Andrew Garrett distributed a handout about the City Department of Transportation Services (DTS) project to "develop a plan that leads toward sustainable public transit services between the future rail terminus at Ala Moana Center and Waikiki." As they currently do not have a website, contact Garrett at Communications Pacific - 543-3513.



2. Malama Manoa - Meg Lin announced the following:
 - "Adopt-A-Stream" Cleaning - It will be this Saturday, February 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Meet at the Kahaloa Bridge, near the Long's Woodlawn.
 - Trees Giveaway - It will be on April 29, 2012 at the Manoa District Park from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Input Received by Board Members from Community Members - A concern was referred to State Representative Isaac Choy.

Honolulu City Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Jarrett Yip distributed Councilmember Kobayashi's newsletter and was available to hear concerns.

Comments followed:

1. Bill 58 - Sewer charges would be "capped" on sewer bill for homeowners with less than \$50,000 income. A Board member thanked Councilmember Kobayashi for helping the elderly and low income people.
2. Charging for Parking at City Parks - Board members asked where the parking meter fees go and the amount. The bill will be heard next Wednesday. Yip will follow up on which fund the fees go to.
3. Plastic Bag Fee - This is a State bill, not the City's.

Mayor Peter Carlisle's Representative - Bridget Palmer Holthus reported the following:

- Bulky Item Trash Pick-up - As First Vice Chair Watson had a specific concern, she will get a separate response. If one sees a crime being committed, call 911.

Comments followed:

1. Occupy Honolulu - Holthus did not have a schedule for when the Occupy Honolulu protesters' property would be removed.
2. Parasites at Thomas Square - Board member Simson reported that dog owners are reporting a "nasty parasite - Giardia", at Thomas Square and he recommended that Thomas Square Park be tested for that parasite.
3. Manoa Stream - As to Manoa Stream, Board member Simson mentioned another parasite "tryptospirosis" [Leptospirosis (?)] - A bacterial infection with of the *genus Leptospira* and affects humans as an "acute infectious disease with enlargement of spleen, jaundice, and nephritis", at the brook on the makai end of Manoa District Park and that there used to be a sign in that location. He recommended that the sign should be put back, because children play in the water there.
4. Bundling - Board member Lee wanted to know the City Department of Housing's position on Resolutions 11-335 and 11-336, concerning the bundling of properties, which may reduce the number of bidders. What is the rationale for the bundling?"
5. Resolution 12-11 - Board member Lee also asked, "What is the City's policy on the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds (from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD))?" The Block Grant Fund Master Plan was approved by the Council. Holthus recommended that he look at the Consolidated Plan, at: <http://www1.honolulu.gov/budget/cdbg.htm> .
6. Chinese New Year of the Dragon - Last month, Chair Eads mentioned that he received information on the City's "Month in Chinatown." Board member Simson added that after a meal in Chinatown, he went to Thomas Square and gave the extra food to the Occupy Honolulu people. Holthus mentioned that the protesters were blocking the public's use of the sidewalks with tents and other private property. Board members could share their comments and possible amendments to Bill 54 with the Department of Housing, the Mayor and the City Council.

Governor Neil Abercrombie's Representative - Guy Kaulukukui, First Deputy, Department of Land and Natural Resources was not present and no report was available.

State Representative Isaac Choy - Representative Choy reported the following:

- Plastic Bags - There was a discussion on thickness of the "carry out" bag, not the bag used for produce, Kaua'i's paper bags, and how the State and counties are approaching this issue.
- Community Use of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant Facilities - The Board is meeting at Noelani Elementary School instead of at Manoa Elementary School.
- Antennas - Representative Choy has five antennas on his commercially-zoned property. AT&T pays communication taxes. He is not in favor of antennas on residential property.

State Senator Brian Taniguchi - Senator Taniguchi was not present, but Representative Choy distributed Senator Taniguchi's report.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) - Dominic Dias highlighted the following:

- Water Main Breaks - There were three main breaks during January, on Lowrey Avenue and Kaloaluki Street and on a mountain line on Waaloa Way.
- New Manager and Chief Engineer - BWS is pleased to announce that Ernest Lau has recently been appointed as its tenth manager and chief engineer. As manager, Lau will be responsible for the overall strategic direction and management of the BWS, with a focus on furthering the department's mission to provide a safe and dependable water supply, now and into the future. Lau previously served as the administrator of the Public Works Division under the State Department of Accounting and General Services, where he oversaw the planning, coordinating, directing, and controlling of a statewide program of engineering, architectural, and construction services. Lau previously worked as Deputy Director of the State Commission on Water Resource Management, Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Manager and Chief Engineer of the Kaua'i Department of Water; and at the Board of Water Supply for more than 14 years as an engineer in Long Range Planning and Water Systems Planning. For more information on Ernest Lau, please visit our website at www.boardofwatersupply.com.
- Detect-A-Leak Week: March 11 -17 - Preserving and protecting our most essential resource - our water - is everyone's responsibility. The BWS encourages all residents to check for property leaks and to fix them promptly during Detect-A-Leak Week, which is being observed statewide from March 11-17. Checking for and repairing property leaks helps save water, lowers your water and sewer bill, and prevents potential damage to your home. During Detect-A-Leak Week free toilet leak detection dye tablets will be available to the public during that week at the BWS Public Service Building at 630 South Beretania Street, at all Satellite City Halls, and City Mill locations. Toilet leak detection dye tablets have been provided to Board members and extras are available to the community. Dias also distributed a handout "How to Check for Leaks." For more leak detection information, call 748-5041 or visit our website, Facebook or Twitter pages:
 - Website: www.boardofwatersupply.com
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/BWSHonolulu>
 - Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/BWSHonolulu>

Comments followed:

1. Monthly Billings - The new monthly billings will not lead to the hiring of more meter readers.
2. Budget Numbers - Last month, a Board member requested "the numbers." Dias distributed a "pie chart" of the Operating Fund Budget and a table with the 5-year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Funding Summary numbers.
3. Lowrey Avenue Break - Dias will follow up on the Lowrey Avenue break after only five years and the "big bump" on the side of Lowrey Avenue.
4. Rain Barrel Catchment Classes - Dias will follow up on the fee for the classes and the schedule.

The order of the agenda was changed.

Councilmember Ann Kobayashi - Councilmember Kobayashi explained that she was late, due to attending a funeral, and reported the following:

- Real Property Taxes - She attended a meeting on January 24 and data was collected.
- Occupy Honolulu - Councilmember Kobayashi will call 911, if they protest her.

The order of the agenda was restored.

FILLING OF VACANT BOARD SEATS:

Resignation of Zach Di Iono - Di Iono had submitted a letter of resignation, as he has moved from Subdistrict 2 into Subdistrict 1.

One Vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Woodlawn) - Di Iono offered to be a candidate to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 1. He gave a little background and he was the former Board member, representing Subdistrict 2. Simson nominated Richard Salvador. (No second is required.) Neither candidate immediately had "proof of residency." Di Iono

departed from the meeting to get his rental agreement (on Pakanu Street). Salvador produced a letter from a credit card company with his address.

The order of the agenda was changed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Input from Board or Community - None.

Dangers of Genetically Modified Organisms (GMO)s and Roundup - Hesh Goldstein was not present and no report was available.

Oahu Invasive Species Committee - Rachel Neville distributed a pamphlet on the "Little Fire Ant (*Wasmannia auropunctata*)" and reported that the ants are on the neighbor islands, but not on Molokai, Lanai and Oahu. To catch the ants for identification and investigation, trap them with peanut butter on a stick and put them in a sealed container. They move slowly and are small and orange-colored. They cause blindness, so protect pets. They favor wet areas, like Manoa, and there are no natural predators.

The order of the agenda was restored.

One Vacancy in Subdistrict 1 (Woodlawn) (Continued) - When Di Iono returned to the meeting with his rental agreement for his residency on Pakanu Street, the order of the agenda was restored. Salvador had attended the January 2012 Neighborhood Board meeting, but he did not know his residency address (on E. Manoa Road). He was from Palau, had obtained his MA degree and was working on his PhD in political science at the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa. Nine (9) votes were needed to win. After two votes, neither candidate received nine (9) votes. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

One Vacancy in Subdistrict 2 (Upper Manoa) - As there were no volunteer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

One Vacancy in Subdistrict 3 (Central Manoa) - As there were no volunteer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Two Vacancies in Subdistrict 4 (Lower Manoa) - As there were no volunteer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

Election of Board Treasurer - As there were no volunteer, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion and Prioritization of Possible Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Projects for the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 7 District and Adjacent Areas - No report.

BOARD ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING

Treasurer's Report - Chair Eads reported that the remaining balance was \$2,070.97. The Treasurer's report was filed.

Approval of the January 4, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes - **As there were no objections, the January 4, 2012 regular meeting minutes of the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 11 were APPROVED AS CORRECTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 11-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Chun, Corn, Eads, Eby, Gagne, Lee, Nishioka, Ragsdale, Simson and Watson).**

- Page 2, under Input Received by Board Members from Community Members, it should read, "She asked, 'Is there something she could do besides calling HPD and filing a complaint?' The answer was, 'No.'"

Reports from Board Officers and/or Board Members - No reports.

Planning of Future Meeting Presentations and Topics

Proposed Resolution to Reinstate March 7th Meeting - There was no motion to meet in March 2012.

Proposed Resolution to Move Future Meetings to the Manoa Innovation Center - **Simson moved; and Ragsdale seconded that the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 07 move its monthly meetings to the Manoa Innovation Center, starting with the April 2012 meeting.** Discussion followed. First Vice Chair Watson had e-mailed and distributed a four-page comparison of facts for the three locations (Manoa Elementary School, Noelani Elementary School and the Manoa Innovation Center), 2010 and 2011 attendance statistics for meetings at Noelani Elementary School and Manoa Elementary School, and a summary. Other arguments for Noelani School included it had larger parking lot and room and it was the "traditional" home of the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 07. Nine (9) votes were needed for the adoption of the motion. The motion was **NOT ADOPTED**, 5-6-0 (**AYE**: Corn, Eby, Ragsdale, Simson and Watson; **NAY**: Andersen, Chun, Eads, Gagne, Lee and Nishioka,).

Watson departed the meeting at 9:30 p.m.; **10 members present.**

Proposed Resolution to Move Future Meetings to Noelani Elementary School - **As there were no objections, the Manoa Neighborhood Board No. 07 voted to move the regular monthly meetings to the Noelani Elementary School cafeteria, starting April 2012 to June 2012, by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 10-0-0 (AYE: Andersen, Chun, Corn, Eads, Eby, Gagne, Lee, Nishioka, Ragsdale and Simson).**

COMMITTEES, PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP (PIG), AND DELEGATE REPORTS

Oahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPO) Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) Delegates - No report.

Transportation and Transit - No report.

Subdistrict Boundaries and Membership Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) - No report.

Sunshine Advisory Board - No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Input from Board and Community - No report.

Input from Board - Ragsdale announced that the Hawaii Scottish Festival, which is an annual festival held on the first weekend of April to celebrate the heritage and history of the Scots, will be held on March 31 to April 1, 2012 at the Queen Kapiolani Park in Honolulu. There will be men's and women's athletic competitions, housewife games, Highland Dance competition, a gathering of Clans, and vendors, featuring Scottish wears and food.

Input from Community - No report.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Submitted by:
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Reviewed by:
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Chair